



Assembly Regulated Professions Committee
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Good afternoon, my name is Dina Brown, and I am the Director of Insurance and Government Affairs for the Association of New Jersey Chiropractors. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today on behalf of the Association of New Jersey Chiropractors, our state's largest professional organization, representing nearly 1,500 chiropractors and their staff. Chiropractic care is a non-invasive, drug-free option for pain management and can promote healing and overall well-being. Chiropractors can diagnose, treat and rehabilitate neuromusculoskeletal disorders affecting various parts of the body.

Chiropractors in our state are regulated by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Their purpose is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of New Jersey, to regulate the practice of chiropractic, and to ensure that chiropractic is performed in compliance with our state's laws.

The Board protects the public by requiring licensure of all chiropractors and licensed chiropractic assistants, ensuring all educational requirements and renewals for both licensures have been achieved, as well as investigating and prosecuting chiropractors who have broken the state's consumer protection laws.

The board is made up of 8 professional members, 2 public members and 1 government member for a total of 11 members. Currently, the board has a total of 6 members, though some are holdovers. Currently there are 5 open seats including 3 professional, 1 public and the government member.

As you can see, the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, like the other Boards here today, is facing significant vacancies. Due to the Board not having the prescribed number of members, there are times when the Board is unable to reach a quorum which impacts the Board to vote on actions, including individuals who are waiting to get a license.

Most recently, at the February 18th Board meeting, a vote was tabled due to lack of quorum. Delay in approving licenses for chiropractors and licensed chiropractic assistants is hindering access to care as trained individuals are unable to treat New Jersey citizens with drug-free pain management and treatment. At times these individuals may have to wait months for another meeting to have a full quorum. And, in some cases, they choose to practice in another state without having to deal with the licensing delays in New Jersey.

The ANJC has been aware of the open seats on the Board, and for years has been submitting resumes of individuals that would like to volunteer their time and serve the Board but remain in limbo. ANJC has and is willing to continue to submit applicants to assist in filling the vacancies to ensure patients and doctors are protected, and the business of the board can move forward.

On behalf of the Association of New Jersey Chiropractors, I'd like to thank Assemblyman Stanley, Assemblywoman Speight and this committee, for your time and attention to this important issue. Please let me know if you have any questions or thoughts on how the Association can support you going forward.

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