

REPORT ON PROPOSED FEE INCREASE

To: Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

From: N.C. Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Date: October 2, 2017

Subject: Proposed renewal fee increase for **chiropractic clinical assistants**

Pursuant to G.S. 12-3.1, the Board of Chiropractic Examiners respectfully submits the following report in support of a proposed fee increase:

(a) Amount of Current Fee. Chiropractic clinical assistants are employees of chiropractic clinics whose job duties include collecting health data on patients, applying therapeutic modalities, and monitored rehabilitative activities. They are required by law to obtain twenty-four hours of training, pass a proficiency examination, and maintain a certificate of competency issued by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners. This certificate must be renewed every three years, and **the current renewal fee is \$10.00.**

(b) Amount of Increase. **The Board proposes to increase the renewal fee by \$15.00 so that the fee would be \$25.00,** rather than \$10.00.

(c) Statutory Authority. Statutory authority is found in N.C.G.S. 90-143.4(c), which states that the renewal fee shall not be more than \$50.00.

(d) Explanation of Need. The current fee was initially established in 2014 and has proven inadequate to cover the administrative costs incurred in processing renewal applications.