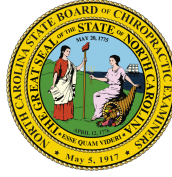


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Re: Report on Regulatory Flexibility
Section 4E.1 of SL 2024-53

Dear Committee Members,

The North Carolina Board of Chiropractic Examiners (the "Board") hereby submits this report on its use of regulatory flexibility, in accordance with Section 4E.1 of Session Law 2024-53.

Board Overview

As an occupational licensing board created by North Carolina General Statute, the Board regulates the licensure of doctors of chiropractic and chiropractic assistants; oversees compliance by licensees with the Board's governing statutes and administrative rules; and protects consumers through oversight regulation of the chiropractic profession.

The Board licenses approximately 2,500 active practitioners engaged in the practice of chiropractic

The Board's organization is composed of a 8-members including six chiropractic physician members and two public members appointed by the Governor.

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Session Law 2024-53

Promulgated in October 2024, Session Law 2024-53 provides in Section 4E.1(b) that:

Notwithstanding any other provision of State law, if a State agency determines that, due to the impacts of Hurricane Helene in the affected area, it is in the public interest, including the public health, safety, and welfare and the economic well-being of the citizens and businesses of the affected area, the agency shall do all of the following:

- (1) Delay the renewal dates of employment-related certifications issued by the agency pursuant to its statutes for residents of the affected area.
- (2) Delay or modify any educational or examination requirements for employment-related certifications implemented by the agency pursuant to its statutes for residents of the affected area.

In this legislation, the General Assembly directed each State agency in the executive branch of government in North Carolina, no later than March 1, 2025, to report to the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee and the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on its use of regulatory flexibility under this Section 4E.

Board Implementation of Session Law 2024-53

Since October 2024, the Board has implemented the directives of SL 2024-53 in the following ways:

- N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-155 provides that each licensed chiropractor must renew their license by December 31 of each year. It further provides a 30 day grace period before a license will lapse. The Board allowed all licensees residing in affected areas, as that term is defined in SL 2024-53, to renew their licensure without penalty through February 1, 2025.
- N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-155(a) provides that "... and shall furnish the Board evidence of having attended two days of educational sessions or programs approved by the Board during the preceding 12 months, provided the Board may waive this educational requirement due to sickness or other hardship of the applicant." The Board allowed all licensees in the affected area, who made such a request, to renew their license without the otherwise required continuing education credits. Additionally, we published this opportunity to our doctors across the state multiple times to alert affected doctors that the board would waive their continuing education requirement upon request.

Should you require additional or more detailed information concerning this report, I am glad to respond as necessary. My email is aacord@ncbfs.org.

Regards,

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