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(2 FILES)

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

- (1) SYNOPSIS
- (2) POSITION PAPER - ALASKA HEALTH COALITION
- (3) BUDGET & AUDIT COMMITTEE'S SUMMARY

SB 242
Board of Chiropractic
Examiners
Extends board -
June 30, 1983

HCSSB 242 - Secs 1, 2 & 6 extends board
January 1, 1981 and then jurisdiction
licensing of chiropractors and the
of chiropractic is transferred to Dept
Comm & Econ Dev.
Secs 3 & 4 includes within Dept's du
duty of providing investigative serv
to the boards for the purpose of ass
those boards in matters of professio
discipline.
Secs 5, 7 - 17 provides for necessar
statute changes to effect transfer
from board to Dept.
Sec 18 repeals appropriate sections
by this bill.
Sec 19 effective date clause.

POSITION OF ALASKA HEALTH COALITION RE SUNSET FREE CONFERENCE

1. 4 year continuance for major boards: June 30, 1983
medical, dental, pharmacy, nursing, veterinary medicine, optometry
2. 2 year continuance for other boards: June 30, 1981
physical therapy, psychology, dispensing opticians, chiropractic
3. No more than 2 lay persons on each board.
4. Delete Sec. 8 of HCS Sb 240 (medical board regarding discrimination and denial of services.)
5. Delete Sec. 205 from HCS SB 246 or

Amend to read:

The board may waive the examination requirements for an applicant who meets the requirements of AS.36.110, pays the required fee, (and has an) holds an active licence from and has been in active practice for at least 30 hours per week for a period of 5 years; in a state with licensing requirements at least equal to this state's in scope, quality, and difficulty and who has no judgements or disciplines accessed against such licence either by another state, professional review board, or state dental board and who has not failed the clinical examination of this state.

THE LEGISLATURE

BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

FINANCE DIVISION
POUCH WF-STATE CAPITOL

JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811

October 27, 1978

SUMMARY OF: A Performance Review of the Board of
Chiropractic Examiners.

PURPOSE OF THE REVIEW

In accordance with the intent of Alaska Statutes 24.020.271(1) and 44.66.050 (sunset legislation), a review of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners was conducted to review Board activities and accomplishments to determine if the Board has been operating in an effective, efficient and economical manner. The major areas reviewed were the Board's operation and its licensing, examination, administration, complaint and affirmative action functions.

REPORT CONCLUSION

In our opinion, the Board of Chiropractic Examiners should be reestablished as the body that regulates and licenses the chiropractic professionals. The regulation and licensing of these professionals is necessary to protect the public's health, safety and welfare.

However, certain changes need to be made in order for the Board to more effectively perform its duties. Current Board policies and actions, such as lack of an effective reciprocity policy and a required State examination redundant of National Board examinations are restricting the entry of qualified, experienced Doctors of Chiropractic from entering the State.

Also, Board - and individual Board member - actions adversely affect the services of chiropractic care to the public. Such actions as employing chiropractors using restrictive employment contracts with associates that have not-to-compete provisions, and unwritten examination grading procedures do not serve the public's best interest.

The Board needs to evaluate present statutes and regulations for relevancy, legality and protection of the public. The Board needs to better define license violations and review its advertising restrictions which may be unconstitutional. There are no statutes requiring continuing education to upgrade or maintain the quality of care.

In conclusion, the Board of Chiropractic Examiners should analyze and evaluate the purpose of the Board and take the necessary steps to perform and fulfill their responsibilities.

FCCS and so, FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE
SB BILL NO. 242 passed the Senate.
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Senator Colletta moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call on the passage of the above bill be considered the roll call on the effective date clause. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

2ND FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

May 12, 1980

Mr. President:
Mr. Speaker: