

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NUMBER:** Senate Bill 744

**SHORT TITLE:** Reasons to Discipline Chiropractors

**SPONSOR(S):** Senator T. LaFontine Odom

**FISCAL IMPACT:**   **Expenditures:**    **Increase ( )**        **Decrease ( )**  
                  **Revenues:**        **Increase ( )**        **Decrease ( )**  
                  **No Impact (X)**  
                  **No Estimate Available ( )**

**FUND AFFECTED:**   **General Fund ( )**    **Highway Fund ( )**   **Local Fund ( )**  
                          **Other Funds ( )**

**BILL SUMMARY:** Amends the various grounds for discipline of practitioners of Chiropractic by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Specifically amends G.S 90-154(b), which lists grounds for disciplinary action against licensed chiropractors, to make the following substantive changes: (1) deletes reference to severe dependency on alcohol or drugs, limiting provision to addiction; (2) deletes several grounds concerning submission of claims and fees, replacing them with a single ground of "committing or attempting to commit fraud, deception, or misrepresentation for financial gain;" (3) adding grounds of severe infirmity, concealing information from board or failing to respond truthfully and completely to board inquiries, failing to comply with final board decisions, and violating license limitations. The legislation also (1) repeals G.S 90-154.1, concerning collection of certain fees; and (2) rewrites G.S 90-154.3, defining acceptable practice, to allow Board to adopt rules that establish and define standards of acceptable care.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 1995

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:** State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

FISCAL IMPACT

	<u>FY</u> <u>FY</u> 1995-96	<u>FY</u> 1996-97	<u>FY</u> 1997-98	<u>FY</u> 1998-99	<u>FY</u> 1999-00
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>					
<b>STATE FUNDS</b>					
<b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>					
<b>LOCAL FUNDS</b>					

**OTHER FUNDS  
RECEIPTS/FEEES**

**POSITIONS:**

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** The changes proposed by the legislation neither impact the State's resources through the General Fund nor the necessity for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners to increase fees. According to the Board fewer disciplinary hearings are anticipated, which would result in less spending. The Board does not foresee the need to seek an increase in chiropractic license renewal dues and related fees beyond current levels.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

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