

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 1747 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Chiropractic Technicians Fee

SPONSOR(S): Representative Baddour

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes (X)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 2002-03</u>	<u>FY 2003-04</u>	<u>FY 2004-05</u>	<u>FY 2005-06</u>	<u>FY 2006-07</u>
REVENUES					
General Fund					
Board – Fees					
				No General Fund Impact	
				See Assumptions and Methodology	
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:					
					North Carolina Board of Chiropractic Examiners
EFFECTIVE DATE:					July 1, 2002

BILL SUMMARY: The North Carolina Board of Chiropractic Examiners (the Board) licenses individuals qualified to practice chiropractic, including physicians and technicians in the state. This bill relates only to chiropractic diagnostic imaging technicians (X-ray or other imaging technology technicians.) The Board ensures licensing requirements are met prior to certification, such as education and proficiency levels in basic X-ray, and monitors the annual requirement of six hours of continuing education. Currently, no tangible update occurs on the technicians' certificates. This legislation will help formalize the annual recertification process by requiring an annual recertification fee paid to the Secretary of the Board which shall not be more than fifty dollars (\$50.) The fee is the only one that will be paid annually by technicians to maintain certification.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: All fees and revenues generated by the Board remain with the Board, thus the bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund. However, the legislation will have an impact on the revenues of the Board.

Because no formal update presently occurs each year, no exact number exists of practicing technicians in the state. The Board knows that there are 1,252 chiropractic doctors in North Carolina. However, not every doctor has a technician in his or her office. Based on the continuing education data it tracks, the Board estimates there are no more than 250-300 technicians in the state. Due to turnover and retraining, the total number is not expected to change over time.

The Board has not yet determined the annual recertification fee it will charge to technicians, but it did not believe it would charge greater than \$20. The table below shows the estimated revenue at three different fee levels for 275 technician recertifications.

Fee	FY 2002-03 Revenue	FY 2003-04 Revenue	FY 2004-05 Revenue	FY 2005-06 Revenue	FY 2006-07 Revenue
\$10	\$2,750	\$2,750	\$2,750	\$2,750	\$2,750
\$20	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
\$50	\$13,750	\$13,750	\$13,750	\$13,750	\$13,750

SOURCES OF DATA: North Carolina Board of Chiropractic Examiners

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: The Board has not set an exact implementation date; however, they intend to use a calendar year timeframe with certificates being renewed in January.

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