GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2005

H HOUSE BILL 2869

Short Title: Chiropractic Changes. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Wright.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT PERTAINING TO CHIROPRACTIC TREATMENT REVIEWERS AND TO

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The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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SECTION 1. Article 8 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes is amended by adding the following new section to read:

"§ 90-157.4 Chiropractic treatment reviewers.

- (a) As used in this section, 'chiropractic treatment review' is an evaluation of the appropriateness or effectiveness of professional services rendered by a patient's treating chiropractor or the chiropractor's staff. A chiropractic treatment review may take the form of a review of clinical records (paper review), an independent medical examination, an approval or denial of proposed treatment, or an opinion as to the medical necessity of treatment.
- (b) Any person who performs a chiropractic tratement review upon chiropractic services rendered in this State shall do all of the following:
 - (1) Maintain a current North Carolina chiropractic license.
 - (2) Register annually with the North Carolina Board of Chiropractic Examiners as a chiropractic treatment reviewer and pay a registration fee as set by the Board but not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).
 - (3) Maintain an active practice in which no more than fifty percent (50%) of the reviewer's income is derived from chiropractic treatment reviews.
 - (4) Comply with any continuing education requirements adopted by the Board for chiropractors engaged in the business of rendering chiropractic treatment reviews.
- (c) The Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall adopt such rules as may be necessary to enforce this section."

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SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2006.