

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: January 11, 2012
POSITION: Oppose

BILL NUMBER: SB 352
AUTHOR: B. Huff

BILL SUMMARY: Chiropractors

This bill would specify that the practice of chiropractic does not include the treatment of hypersensitivity to foods, medications, or environmental allergens and would prohibit a chiropractor from advertising that he or she provides those activities.

FISCAL SUMMARY

This bill would have no fiscal impact as the Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) already has jurisdiction to discipline chiropractors who exceed their scope of practice.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is opposed to this bill as it is unnecessary as existing law already has disciplinary measures in place for chiropractors who exceed their scope of practice, as specified. The Chiropractic Initiative Act authorizes the Board to adopt regulations regarding the rules of professional conduct and the protection of the public. To the extent there is a need to clarify the scope of practice for chiropractors; it should be addressed through this process. For instance, the Board recently promulgated regulations that, when enacted, will clarify the scope of practice pertaining to the use of lasers, particularly the use of laser therapy for allergies.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of chiropractors by the Board and authorizes the holder of a license to practice chiropractic as taught in chiropractic schools or colleges, but does not authorize the holder to practice medicine, surgery, osteopathy, dentistry, or optometry.

This bill would prohibit the treatment of hypersensitivity to foods, medications, or environmental allergens by a chiropractor, and would prohibit a chiropractor from advertising that he or she provides or is able to provide those services. This bill would also specify that a violation of these provisions constitutes a cause for discipline by the Board.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code	
	SO	LA	CO	PROP	FC	FC	FC		
	(Dollars in Thousands)								
	RV	98	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	FC	2013-2014	Code
8500/Chiro Exam	SO	No		-----	No/Minor Fiscal Impact	-----			0152
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
0152	Chiropractic Examiners Fund								

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