



**MARYLAND
CHIROPRACTIC
ASSOCIATION**

Testimony on behalf of the Maryland Chiropractic Association
House Bill 514—Health Occupations—State Board of Chiropractic
Examiners--Revisions
Support with Amendments
February 18, 2025
House Health and Government Operations Committee

The Maryland Chiropractic Association (MCA) is a professional organization founded in 1928 and is the leading voice for chiropractors in Maryland. Comprised of individual members, our mission is to elevate the chiropractic profession by educating the public and advancing chiropractic care for the citizens of Maryland. We have weighed in on many issues concerning patient care, insurance and other issues of importance to our members as well as our patients and the general public.

The Maryland Chiropractic Association supports House Bill 514 with amendments. We appreciate working with the Board of Chiropractic Examiners on these amendments. They include amendments that:

Change the number of signatures required from fifteen to twenty. Twenty signatures represent two percent of the chiropractic community. We believe this is a reasonable threshold demonstrating confidence in the ability to serve the profession by one's peers.

Language that takes into consideration current discussions at the Federal level about eliminating this Department of Education.

Language that allows for another body offering exams. The National Board of Chiropractic Examiners is a private, for-profit company. While they are currently the only company offering board examinations in Chiropractic, there could easily be a competitor in the future. This language allows for that possibility.

Language that allows the Board to promulgate regulations that stipulate the specific Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Guidelines for Precautions to be followed. This would provide better clarity for the profession while, at the same time, protect the public. As drafted, what is required is too broad and not specific for a profession like chiropractic.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide written comments on this bill and appreciate consideration of the amendments we worked on with the Board. It is our understanding that these amendments have already been drafted to the senate bill. Thank you to Delegate Hill for her leadership on this bill.