

Date of Hearing: May 13, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Buffy Wicks, Chair

AB 2775 (Committee on Business and Professions) – As Amended April 22, 2026

Policy Committee: Business and Professions

Vote: 18 - 0

Urgency: No

State Mandated Local Program: No

Reimbursable: No

SUMMARY:

This bill extends the sunset of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (BCE), from January 1, 2027, to January 1, 2031.

Specifically, the major provisions of this bill include the following:

- 1) Authorizes the BCE to deny a license for conduct that, if committed in this state by a California-licensed physician or chiropractor, would constitute an act of sexual abuse, misconduct, or relations with a patient, as specified.
- 2) Requires BCE to distribute a directory electronically, or, if requested, by mail and free of charge for the cost of the publication and distribution.
- 3) Requires the BCE to set penalty fees for the delinquent renewal of a satellite office certificate, certificate of registration of a chiropractic corporation, or continuing education provider status in accordance with existing law.
- 4) Authorizes the BCE to establish, by regulation, a system for the issuance and renewal of a chiropractic facility permit and charge fees to cover the reasonable regulatory cost to administer this permit system.
- 5) Authorizes the BCE to automatically revoke a chiropractic license if the licensee is required to register as a sex offender or has been convicted of any offense that, if committed or attempted in this state, would have required the licensee to register as a sex offender, except as specified.
- 6) Authorizes the BCE to automatically revoke a chiropractic license following a conviction of a serious felony, as defined.

FISCAL EFFECT:

Annual costs of approximately \$7 million to extend the operation of the Board (State Board of Chiropractic Examiners Fund).

COMMENTS:

- 1) **Purpose.** Each year, the Assembly Committee on Business and Professions and the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development hold joint sunset review oversight hearings to review the licensing boards under the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA). The DCA boards are responsible for protecting consumers and the public and regulating the professionals they license. The sunset review process provides an opportunity for the Legislature, DCA, boards, and interested parties and stakeholders to discuss the performance of the boards and make recommendations for improvements.

Each board subject to review has an enacting statute that has a repeal date, which means each board requires an extension before the repeal date. This bill is one of the sunset bills that extend the repeal date of the boards undergoing sunset review and include recommendations from the sunset review oversight hearings. While the BCE cannot be repealed by the Legislature because it was established by initiative, this bill extends the statutory review date.

- 2) **Background.** The BCE's purpose is to protect Californians from both licensed and unlicensed individuals who engage in the fraudulent, negligent, or incompetent practice of chiropractic. Chiropractic is a healthcare discipline that emphasizes the body's ability to heal itself. The practice focuses on the interaction between the spine and the nervous system and that relationship's impact on overall health. The primary treatment procedure is the chiropractic adjustment or spinal manipulative therapy, but other manual therapies are also used. Chiropractic also emphasizes lifestyle interventions like nutrition or exercise counseling.

Licensed practitioners of chiropractic are doctors of chiropractic, or DCs. DCs are authorized to manipulate and adjust the spine and other joints of the human body and manipulate the related muscle and connective tissue during those manipulations and adjustments. DCs may also use all necessary mechanical, hygienic and sanitary measures incident to the care of the human body during chiropractic manipulations or adjustments.

The BCE was responsible for regulating approximately 10,700 DC individual licensees at the end of fiscal year (FY) 2024-25. In addition to licensing individual licensees, the BCE oversees 106 providers of chiropractic continuing education and 20 chiropractic programs throughout the United States and Canada. The BCE's mission statement, as stated in its *2026 Sunset Review Report*, is: "to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the public through licensure, education, engagement, and enforcement in chiropractic care." The BCE was last reviewed in 2021, and its last Sunset Review Report was completed in 2022.

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