

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING
AB 2775 (Committee on Business and Professions)
As Amended April 22, 2026
Majority vote

SUMMARY

Schedules the next sunset review of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners (BCE) to occur in four years and makes other changes in response to issues raised during the PTBC's sunset review oversight process.

Major Provisions

- 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.

COMMENTS

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 vertebral column 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 utilized. Chiropractic also emphasizes lifestyle interventions like nutrition or exercise counseling.

The licensed practitioners of chiropractic are DCs. In alignment with the foundations of their practice, DCs are authorized to manipulate and adjust the spinal column and other joints of the human body and manipulate the related muscle and connective tissue during the course of those manipulations and adjustments. DCs may also use all necessary mechanical, hygienic and

sanitary measures incident to the care of the human body during the course of chiropractic manipulations or adjustments.

The BCE was responsible for regulating approximately 10,700 DC 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."

Sunset Review. The BCE is currently under sunset review. As part of that review, committee staff publish background papers that identify outstanding issues related to the entity being reviewed. This bill addresses some of the identified issues while others remain in active discussion. The most recent statuses of the issues are discussed further in the policy committee analysis.

According to the Author

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 are intended to extend the repeal date of the boards undergoing sunset review, as well as include the recommendations from the sunset review oversight hearings. While the BCE cannot be repealed by the Legislature because it is established by initiative, this bill would extend the statutory review date.

This year, there are five sunset review bills authored by the Assembly Committee on Business and Professions and five sunset review bills authored by the Chair of the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee.

Arguments in Support

None on file

Arguments in Opposition

None on file

FISCAL COMMENTS

According to the Assembly Appropriations Committee, annual costs of approximately \$7 million to extend the operation of the Board (State Board of Chiropractic Examiners Fund).

VOTES

ASM BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS: 18-0-1

YES: Berman, Johnson, Addis, Ahrens, Alanis, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Chen, Elhawary, Hadwick, Haney, Hart, Irwin, Jackson, Lowenthal, Macedo, Nguyen, Pellerin

ABS, ABST OR NV: Caloza

ASM APPROPRIATIONS: 14-0-1

YES: Wicks, Hoover, Aguiar-Curry, Calderon, Caloza, Dixon, Fong, Mark González, Krell, Pacheco, Pellerin, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Tangipa

ABS, ABST OR NV: Ta

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