SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT REGARDING A REGULATION PROPOSED BY THE CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIANS' BOARD OF NEVADA (LCB #064-17)

Pursuant to NRS 233B.0608(1), the Chiropractic Physicians' Board of Nevada is required to make a determination whether its proposed regulation, known as LCB #R064-17, will: (a) impose a direct and significant economic burden upon small business, and (b) directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of small business. NRS 233B.0382 defines a small business to be any business that employees 150 or fewer employees. All of Nevada's chiropractic practices would be considered small businesses.

Pursuant to NRS 233B.0609, the Board provides the following information:

(1) A Description of the Manner in Which Comment Was Solicited from Affected Small Businesses, a Summary of Their Responses, and an Explanation of the Manner in Which Other Interested Persons May Obtain a Copy of the Summary. – Chapter 634 was published on the agenda for a Workshop at a meeting to be held on August 15, 2017.

On July 31, 2017, copies of the August 15, 2017 Notice of Public Workshop to Consider the Proposed Regulation Change, the Proposed Regulation Change and the Small Business Impact Statement were e-mailed to all licensees and chiropractor's assistants whose e-mail addresses are registered with the CPBN, and were mailed to the licensees, chiropractor's assistants, professional association, and Nevada libraries on the CPBN's mailing list. No Small Business Impact Statement responses were received. A total of 1,048 persons or organizations were notified. No responses were received from the professional association, or members of the profession or the public.

(2) The Manner in Which the Analysis Was Conducted. – The Board discussed the proposed language at its regular meetings on April 21, 2017 and received input from representatives of the Nevada Chiropractic Association. The Board made changes to the proposed language based upon the input received, none of which were substantive. None of the comments received argued for or demonstrated that the regulation would have a significant impact on small businesses. Because the Board received no comments from any of the 1,048 persons who were notified of the proposed regulation, there was no input to analyze other than the comments received at the meeting from the Nevada Chiropractic Association.

(3) The Estimated Economic Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Small Businesses Which It Is to Regulate, Including, Without Limitation, Both the Adverse and Beneficial Effects and Both Direct and Indirect Effects. – Based upon the lack of input received from affected licensees or others, the proposed regulation is not estimated to have an adverse or beneficial economic effects on Nevada's chiropractic practices or to have any detrimental direct or indirect effects.

(4) A Description of the Methods That the Agency Considered to Reduce the Impact of the Proposed Regulation on Small Businesses and a Statement Regarding Whether the Agency Actually Used Any of Those Methods. – The Board changed the language of the proposed language after it received input from the Board.

(5) The Estimated Cost to the Agency for Enforcement of the Proposed Regulation. – The Board determined that there will be no additional cost to it as a result of the proposed regulations.

(6) If the Proposed Regulation Provides a New Fee or Increases an Existing Fee, the Total Annual Amount the Agency Expects to Collect and the Manner in Which the Money Will Be Used. – The proposed regulation does not propose a new fee and does not increase an existing fee.

(7) If the Proposed Regulation Includes Provisions Which Duplicate or Are More Stringent Than Federal, State or Local Standards Regulating the Same Activity, an Explanation of Why Such Duplicative or More Stringent Provisions Are Necessary. – None of the proposed regulation changes duplicate or are more stringent than any federal, state, or local standards regulating chiropractic.

(8) The Reasons For the Conclusions of the Agency Regarding the Impact of a Regulation on Small Businesses. – The Board is confident that its proposed regulation will not have an impact on small businesses, namely on Nevada's chiropractic practices, because the Board has not received any input, positive or negative, from any of the 1,048 licensees and interested people who received notice of the proposed regulations. When the Board received input from the Nevada Chiropractic Association, the Board addressed the concerns by changing the language. The changes were not substantive. As far as the Board knows, the Nevada Chiropractic Association has no concerns with the proposed regulation now that its earlier voiced concerns have been addressed.

Based upon receiving no comments regarding the impact of the proposed language from any of the 1,048 people notified, and based upon successful addressing of the comments received at the discussion of the proposed language at its three meetings at which the regulations were discussed, the Board determines the following to be the answers to the concerns raised in NRS 233B.0607(1):

(1) Does the Proposed Regulation Impose a Direct and Significant Economic Burden Upon Small Businesses? – The Board has determined that the proposed language will have no direct or significant economic burden upon small businesses, namely chiropractic practices, because the Board has received no comments that would indicate any such impact.

(2) Will the Proposed Regulation Directly Restrict the Formation, Operation or Expansion of a Small Business? - The Board has determined that the proposed language will not restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of small businesses, namely chiropractic practices, because the Board has received no comments that would indicate any such impact.

Pursuant to NRS 233B.0608(3) and 233B.0309(2), I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge or belief, the Board conducted a concerted effort as described above to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses, namely on chiropractic practices in Nevada, and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and contains accurate information regarding all such efforts and the Board's determination based thereon.

Signed and effective this 31st day of July, 2017.

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