



## Legislative Update

The short session of the NC legislature has concluded. For chiropractic, this session was a mixed bag.

### **HB 528 Copay Parity:**

We successfully passed this bill in the House but it stalled in the Senate. We were not able to get it out of the Rules Committee. With the close of the short session this bill dies. A decision will have to be made whether we try again in the 2017-18 session that begins in January.

### **HB728 Chiropractic Board of Examiners Bill**

This bill passed both houses and is expected to be signed by the governor. The final passed version varied significantly from the one that was originally introduced but the pertinent components extend the grace period for a CA to become certified from 120 days to 180 days, and allows the board of examiners to raise the license renewal fees for DCs up to a max of \$300. A third section that would have allowed the board to levy financial penalties/fines was removed from the final bill.

### **HB 729 Chiropractic Peer Review**

This bill would have required a paper claims reviewer in liability cases to be licensed in NC. This bill never gained traction with legislators and died for lack of action. A decision will have to be made whether we try again in the 2017-18 session that begins in January.

### **HB 135 PT Spinal Manipulation**

This bill would have allowed physical therapists to manipulate the spine. With the close of the short session this bill dies. It will almost certainly be reintroduced in the next session which begins in January.

### **SB 498 Radiologic Technologists**

This bill would require CAs to be licensed radiologic technologists. This bill was vigorously opposed by the NCCA and failed to gain traction with legislators. It will almost certainly be reintroduced in the next session which begins in January.

### **Next Steps:**

The NCCA board of directors is currently discerning the best legislative course of action for the 2017-18 session. After conferring with our lobbyists and obtaining input from our members (watch out for a survey), a decision will be made as to the best course of action. Considerations include the needs/wants of our members, the vision of the board, the input of our lobbyists, and a strategic decision about what can be accomplished in the current political (Republican dominated) environment. Please [continue to support](#) the NCCA PAC with your contributions because a strong PAC is our best insurance against adverse legislation and best positions us to move the profession forward.