

**2015 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES**

**HB 1099**

# 2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Human Services Committee**  
Fort Union Room, State Capitol

1099  
1/13/2015  
21901

- Subcommittee  
 Conference Committee

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## Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to public safety emergency suspension of chiropractors.

## Minutes:

Attachment #1

**Chairman Weisz:** opened the hearing on HB 1099.

**Dr. Carol Winkler:** Represented ND Board of Chiropractic Examiners. (See Testimony #1)

**Rep. Fehr:** Is teaching educational? Is that specifically within your scope of practice? And if not, do you need that?

**Dr. Winkler:** This is an exemption so that a chiropractor that does not have licensure but is in an educational setting is exempt from obtaining a license to come and teach.

**Rep. Fehr:** Is educational and teaching within the scope of practice?

**Dr. Winkler:** It is not within our scope of practice in the State of North Dakota but what we are trying to do is safeguard any kind of malpractice situation. A lot of malpractice insurances are void if you do not have a license where the malpractice occurred. That is very unlikely to happen but there is a potential.

**Rep. Porter:** If it is an emergency suspension, you are allowed to close that person's business down. Is 21 days reasonable to give due process to defend themselves? I look at it as more of a 10-day thing because you are affecting someone's livelihood.

**Dr. Winkler:** The 21 days is the burden of the board. That may happen in less time. The board doesn't have the ability to wait for a month. The idea behind this would be extreme fraud or sexual misconduct. At this point we have nothing that allows us to make an immediate action.

**Rep. Porter:** I think 21 days is too long for an emergency situation.

**Dr. Winkler:** The legal system does not happen within five days. I agree with what you are saying, but we have to draw a line in the sand somewhere.

**Chairman Weisz:** On that provision you can suspend for 60 days. The hearing is held within 21 days but doesn't mean you have to make a decision. The board has 60 days to make a decision after you have the hearing.

**Dr. Winkler:** That is correct initially. The board would generally move to hurry in area.

**Chairman Weisz:** On page 3 where you eliminate the twice-yearly examination, are they doing that online and it can be done at any time?

**Dr. Winkler:** That examination was when people actually sat for an exam. What the board does now is accept the national exams. They do meet with new licensees twice a year for jurisprudence reasons.

**Rep. Seibel:** If you have 21 days to have the hearing, would a 30-day suspension make more sense to make sure the board acts within 9 days after that hearing? Our attorney should answer that question and I could bring him down here.

**Rep. Muscha:** You said you modeled this after medical language. Are those numbers the same?

**Dr. Winkler:** Yes.

**Dr. Fehr:** Something of this size won't be finished in 21 days.

**Dr. Winkler:** Let us take a sexual misconduct that would harm the public. This says you can't see patients and we have a time frame within which we need to organize to be fair to them and to protect the public. Nothing is simple or quick.

**Rep. Porter:** Inside the board of medical examiners system there is a procedure that allows the physician the right to district court. Inside of your procedure there isn't anything that is written that allows them to vacate your proceedings and head to district court. Is there a reason why that is missing?

**Dr. Winkler:** No. In looking at the model practice acts that exist nationally on the chiropractic level, we would be safe with this knowing the intent of our board. We felt this was less complicated.

**Rep. Porter:** So there are components within the licensing of physicians that you are referencing. You picked this language and left out a couple of components.

**Dr. Winkler:** Yes. We didn't do it to make it appear as though we are trying to be the almighty board and cheat our practicing licensee.

**Rep. Porter:** It does. I try to have consistency with the boards so we give people the due process. I look for the number of days and availability to appeal to district court. There are some components missing in this.

**No Opposition**

**Chairman Weisz:** Closed the hearing

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**Human Services Committee**  
Fort Union Room, State Capitol

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**Minutes:**

**Chairman Weisz:** took up HB 1099. I think we had some cleanup on section 12 emergency suspension. Testimony that was from the medical examiners was the only major change.

**Rep. Rich Becker:** Comments that Representative Porter had several concerns but doesn't know what they are.

**Rep. Oversen:** as she recalls, Representative Porter's concerns were with last portion of the bill, Ascension and how it affects the practitioner & their business.

**Chairman Weisz:** We will hold off in case Rep. Porter has some concerns.

# 2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Human Services Committee**  
Fort Union Room, State Capitol

HB 1099  
1/26/2015  
Job # 22537

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**Minutes:**

Attachment # 1

**Chairman Weisz:** took up HB 1099. Rep. Porter had amendments handed out.

**Rep. Porter:** Asks Austin to explain how they work.

**Austin Lafferty Legislative Council:** First section under section 12 in the first paragraph language has been modified. Language is still being left in on page 7.

**Rep. Porter:** Replace physician with Chiropractor. The way it reads in subsection 3 of the amendments you need sub 2 on page 7, as it talks about the hearing process in subsection 3. Leave it at 21 days and leave it verbatim out of the board of medical examiners component. Section 12 would be replaced with the proposed language. (attachment #1)

**Rep. Fehr:** An ultimate word would be licensee instead of chiropractor.

**Rep. Mooney:** proposes to keep language similar to keep things consistent.

**Rep. Porter:** Moves to replace physician with chiropractor on the amendment.

**Chairman Weisz:** Lines 1-6 on page 7 would be replaced with the proposed amendment replace physician with chiropractor.

**Rep. Porter** makes the motion to replace the proposed amendment Mooney Seconds the motion. Motion carries.

**Rep. Oversen** moves to add a line after line 27 that has code # 43-06-17.1 Temporary suspension - appeal.

**Rep. Fehr** seconds it. Motion is carried.

**Rep. Mooney** motions to pass 1099 as amended.

**Rep Fehr** seconds it.

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**Do Pass as Amended.** Yes 12 No 0 Absent 1.

**Rep Mooney** Carries the Bill

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January 27, 2015

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1099

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5. Any medical record of a patient, or other document containing personal information about a patient, which is obtained by the board is an exempt record as defined in section 44-04-17.1."

Renumber accordingly

Date: 1-26-15  
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
 ROLL CALL VOTES  
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1099**

House Human Services Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: Porter amendment

Recommendation:  Adopt Amendment  
 Do Pass     Do Not Pass     Without Committee Recommendation  
 As Amended     Rerefer to Appropriations  
 Place on Consent Calendar  
 Other Actions:  Reconsider     \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Made By Porter Seconded By Mooney

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Weisz			Rep. Mooney		
Vice-Chair Hofstad			Rep. Muscha		
Rep. Bert Anderson			Rep. Oversen		
Rep. Dick Anderson					
Rep. Rich S. Becker					
Rep. Damschen					
Rep. Fehr					
Rep. Kiefert					
Rep. Porter					
Rep. Seibel					

Total (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

*motion carried corrected  
 physician to chiropractor  
 all language in Sec 1 2  
 line 78-31  
 pg. 4  
 Dial 1-6*

Date: ~~1/24/2015~~ 1/26/2015  
 Roll Call Vote # 2

2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
 ROLL CALL VOTES  
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1099

House Human Services Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: See bottom description

Recommendation:  Adopt Amendment  
 Do Pass     Do Not Pass     Without Committee Recommendation  
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Motion Made By Oversen Seconded By Lehr

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Weisz			Rep. Mooney		
Vice-Chair Hofstad			Rep. Muscha		
Rep. Bert Anderson			Rep. Oversen		
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Rep. Fehr					
Rep. Kiefert					
Rep. Porter					
Rep. Seibel					

Total (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:  
~~line 28~~  
 add line after 27  
 temporary suspension

Date: 1-26-15  
 Roll Call Vote #: 3

**2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
 ROLL CALL VOTES  
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1099**

House Human Services Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: LC 15.8020.01001

- Recommendation:  Adopt Amendment  
 Do Pass  Do Not Pass  Without Committee Recommendation  
 As Amended  Rerefer to Appropriations  
 Place on Consent Calendar  
 Other Actions:  Reconsider  \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Made By Mooney Seconded By Fehr

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Weisz	✓		Rep. Mooney	✓	
Vice-Chair Hofstad	✓		Rep. Muscha	✓	
Rep. Bert Anderson	✓		Rep. Oversen	✓	
Rep. Dick Anderson	✓				
Rep. Rich S. Becker	A				
Rep. Damschen	✓				
Rep. Fehr	✓				
Rep. Kiefert	✓				
Rep. Porter	✓				
Rep. Seibel	✓				

Total (Yes) 12 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Mooney

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1099: Human Services Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1099 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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**2015 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES**

**HB 1099**

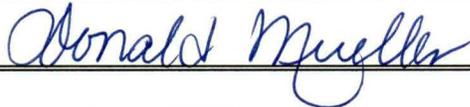
# 2015 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee  
Red River Room, State Capitol

HB 1099  
3/10/2015  
24568

- Subcommittee  
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



## Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A bill relating to the practice of chiropractic

## Minutes:

Attach #1: Testimony by Dr. Carol Winkler

**Dr. Carol Winkler**, representing the North Dakota Board of Chiropractic Examiners, testified for HB 1099 (attach #1) (ends 3:55)

**Chairman Judy Lee** asked if the board is comfortable with the amendments from the House.

**Ms. Winkler** responded that they are satisfied.

**Senator Howard Anderson, Jr.** when you say in your training programs, that four equivalent language you use, if you have two competing entities that were accrediting programs, you could find people on both sides that would say they are not equivalent. Are you comfortable that this will work for you?

**Ms. Winkler** responded we are. People trained outside of the United States call things with the exact same education a different name. They have legal problems when they come from out of the United States. We have not had the issue in North Dakota, but with mobility in the western part of the state, it could happen.

**Chairman Judy Lee** this gives the board the latitude to review and make the decision for equivalency.

**Ms. Winkler** confirmed.

**V. Chairman Oley Larsen** asked where is the popular place for out of state training. Sometime back medical folks wanted to go to Grenada. Where is it for chiropractic?

**Ms. Winkler** there are areas in Canada, Asia, New Zealand, Australia, England, South Africa. Many stay and practice there but many want the American dream.

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OPPOSITION TO HB 1099  
No opposing testimony

NEUTRAL TO HB 1099  
No neutral testimony

Closed Public Hearing.

**Senator Howard Anderson, Jr.** moved a DO PASS for HB 1099. The motion was seconded by **V. Chairman Oley Larsen**. No discussion.

Roll Call Vote  
6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion passes.

**V. Chairman Oley Larsen** will carry HB 1099 to the floor.

**2015 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE  
 ROLL CALL VOTES  
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1099**

Senate Human Services Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Do Pass     Do Not Pass     Without Committee Recommendation  
 As Amended     Rerefer to Appropriations  
 Place on Consent Calendar  
 Other Actions:  Reconsider     \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Made By Sen. Anderson    Seconded By Sen. Larsen

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Judy Lee (Chairman)	✓		Senator Tyler Axness	✓	
Senator Oley Larsen (V-Chair)	✓		Senator John M. Warner	✓	
Senator Howard C. Anderson, Jr.	✓				
Senator Dick Dever	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Sen. Larsen

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1099, as engrossed: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
Engrossed HB 1099 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**2015 TESTIMONY**

**HB 1099**

1/13/15

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#1

Good Morning Mr. Chairman and members of the House Human Services committee,

My name is Dr. Carol Winkler and I am here representing the North Dakota Board of Chiropractic Examiners in testimony of HB 1099. I practice here in Bismarck, and have served the board from 2003 to 2013. I currently serve as a district director for the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards on a national level. There are currently 397 actively practicing chiropractors in the state of North Dakota. The board has a proposed budget of about \$100,000 for the 2015 fiscal year. This bill cleans up antiquated language, removes outdated or discontinued practices, allows for the addition of equivalency education and puts in place an emergency suspension clause for the protection of the public. This bill has no fiscal impact attached to it.

The language cleanup is self-evident. The board went through the statute with the intent of modernizing terms to reflect the intent of the statute appropriately. This is most noted in two areas. Throughout the statute there has been an inclusion for those potential license candidates that have been equivalently trained in jurisdictions that are outside of the United States. Mobility has been a trend in all of healthcare. This includes actual practice and education. There are currently more chiropractic educational institutions outside the United States than within our borders. This has become an issue when those candidates apply to become licensed in states that do not have an equivalency clause for educational purposes. To remedy this problem, the board has added the equivalently educated clause where appropriate throughout the statute language.

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Thank you for your time and consideration of HB1099. I would be happy to entertain any questions in this matter.

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MOCK UP AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1099 as introduced

Page 6, replace lines 29 through 31

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03/10/2015  
JH 24568

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