

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
12/23/2016

Amendment to: HB 1087

- 1 A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2015-2017 Biennium		2017-2019 Biennium		2019-2021 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues	\$0	\$12,500	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
Expenditures	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000
Appropriations	\$0	\$6,500	\$0	\$14,000	\$0	\$14,000

- 1 B. **County, city, school district and township fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

	2015-2017 Biennium	2017-2019 Biennium	2019-2021 Biennium
Counties	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cities	\$0	\$0	\$0
School Districts	\$0	\$0	\$0
Townships	\$0	\$0	\$0

- 2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

This bill creates certified chiropractic clinical assistants, attained via 24-hours of education & the completion of a standardized national exam. 43-06-16.1(1) & 43-06-16.1(5) discuss the application & renewal fees that will have fiscal impact for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

- B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

43-06-16.1(1): Describes the \$50.00 fee for the initial certification (or application fee)

43-06-16.1(5): Describes the \$50.00 annual renewal fee for the certification

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

For 2015-2017, we based our revenue amount estimate of \$12,500.00 to the ND Board of Chiropractic Examiners, using statistical information from other states of similar size and that have this certification already in place. There are currently 415 active chiropractic license holders in North Dakota. Some chiropractors will choose not to certify their assistants if they only perform non-clinical duties, such as receptionist duties. We estimate that approximately 250 assistants will be certified for 415 licensed chiropractors. \$12,500.00 will reflect the total initial certification fee for that estimate. For the following two cycles, we increased our estimate to \$20,000.00 per cycle to include the annual certification renewals and ongoing initial certifications.

- B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

Expenditure for the North Dakota Board of Chiropractic Examiners is estimated at \$6,000.00 This would cover an approximate \$500.00 increase, per month, in staffing to handle the processing of the certifications and renewals.

The costs of the education (average cost is \$350.00) and the examination fee (\$150.00) will be paid directly to those other organizations by either the employing chiropractor or the individual seeking the certification. A current employee, with 2000-hours of experience, may be exempt from the education portion of the program and proceed directly to the examination. We estimate 50% of the current employees may fall into this category and the expense for the chiropractors or individuals seeking the certification would add up to \$18,750.00 (125 assistants x \$150.00 examination fee). We estimate the other 50% of current employees will not meet the above exemption and be required to complete the 24-hour education course (\$350.00) and the examination (\$150.00). That fiscal impact would be \$62,000.00 (125 assistants x \$500.00 for education/examination).

- C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

For 2015-2017, the appropriations for the ND Board of Chiropractic Examiners is \$6,500.00. This is figured by subtracting the total expenditures from the total income. For the other two calendar cycles, the amount is \$14,000.00, calculated the same way.

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