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Testimony on AB 871

Chairman and committee members, thank you for allowing me to testify on AB 871.

AB 871 is a result of the Assembly Republicans' Red Tape Review, which is aimed improving Wisconsin's business climate and removing burdensome rules from our everyday lives by cutting government red tape.

At the Health Committee's public hearing on November 18th, 2015 we heard a variety of suggestions on how to ease the regulatory burden on the chiropractic profession.

AB 871 makes a number of changes to the administrative rules promulgated by the Chiropractic Examining Board, including the following:

1. Authorizes a chiropractor to delegate certain services various health care professionals holding a license, registration, certification, or permit in this state without the need for the chiropractor to
 - 1) maintain records showing the health care professional has satisfied certain educational and training requirements;
 - 2) exercise direct supervision over the health care professional; and
 - 3) retain ultimate responsibility for the manner and quality of the services.

Currently, the board's rules authorize such a delegation only to another licensed chiropractor.

2. Provides that a chiropractic student need not be in his or her last academic quarter, semester, or trimester in order to qualify for a preceptorship, provided the student is eligible for graduation.
3. Specifies that a licensed chiropractor is not prohibited from using cold laser therapy and that a licensed chiropractor may practice acupuncture at the same location as the chiropractor practices chiropractic if the chiropractor is also a certified acupuncturist.

Thanks again for allowing me to testify on AB 871. I'm happy to answer any questions you have.