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To: House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee

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Subject: HB 2506; Expanding the military spouse and servicemember's expedited licensure law to certain other license, certificate or registration applicants.

### **Neutral Testimony**

Chairman Tarwater and other members of this committee thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on HB 2506.

I represent the Kansas Chiropractic Association and more than 1,100 licensed Doctors of Chiropractic in Kansas who work hard to deliver safe, effective, and affordable care to the citizens of Kansas.

HB 2506 would provide two paths to licensure for Doctors of Chiropractic already licensed in another state.

The first path would be for providers licensed in states with *substantially equivalent* licensing requirements.

The second path would be for providers licensed in states without *substantially equivalent* licensing requirements.

Providers licensed in states with *substantially equivalent* requirements are not an issue. These providers would be required to show a clean license history and pass a prior background check as part of their application packet. These requirements will work to protect the citizens of Kansas.

Our concern with this bill regards providers licensed in states without *substantially equivalent* requirements. HB 2506 would require the Kansas Board of Healing Arts to issue a temporary permit while the applicant completes the additional requirements for licensure in Kansas.

The licensure requirements for the practice of the healing arts in Kansas have been carefully crafted over the years to protect the citizens of Kansas. HB 2506 would provide for a bypass of these regulations.

We offer the following changes to HB 2506 to better protect Kansans.

1. On page 3, lines 11-12, change “10 business days” to “60 business days”
2. On page 4, line 43, change “10 business days” to “60 business days”
3. On page 4, line 27, change “shall issue” to “may issue”

In the absence of our recommended changes, we ask the House, Labor and Economic Development Committee to add the Kansas Board of Healing Arts to the list of excluded licensing bodies.

We understand the importance of this legislation, especially as it relates to professions that do not impact the health, safety, and welfare of Kansans; however, we must make sure the healthcare providers are adequately trained and ready to serve that citizens of Kansas.

We ask that the House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee make the above recommended changes to HB 2506.

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