GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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S 1 SENATE BILL 732 Short Title: Chiropractic Ownership Restricted. (Public) Sponsors: Senator Soles. Referred to: Commerce. April 1, 1999 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS TO ASSESS LICENSEES CERTAIN COSTS AND LIMITING THE OWNERSHIP OF CHIROPRACTIC PRACTICES TO PERSONS LICENSED AS CHIROPRACTORS. The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: Section 1. G.S. 90-154 is amended by adding a new subsection to read: "(c) If a licensee is found guilty in a contested case arising under subsection (b) of

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18 19 this section, the Board may assess the licensee the reasonable cost of the hearing held to make such a determination if the Board finds that the licensee's defense at the hearing was dilatory or not asserted in good faith."

Section 2. Article 8 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 90-157.3. Ownership of chiropractic practices limited.

- Each partner in a partnership that is engaged in the practice of chiropractic shall be licensed under this Article.
- Each general partner in a limited partnership that is engaged in the practice of chiropractic and each limited partner who takes part in the control of the practice shall be licensed under this Article.

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- (c) The provisions of Chapter 55B of the General Statutes shall apply to all business corporations organized under Chapter 55 of the General Statutes and engaged in the practice of chiropractic.
- (d) A chiropractic physician may form a professional corporation or limited liability company with another health care provider who is licensed under Chapter 90 of the General Statutes."
- Section 3. Section 1 of this act is effective when it becomes law. Section 2 of this act becomes effective January 1, 2000.