

The Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) proposes repealing 22 TAC §72.18 (Criminal History). The Board will propose a new §72.18 in a separate rulemaking. This rulemaking action will remove the current language in §72.18 concerning the reporting of criminal convictions and put that language into a stand-alone rule.

The Board's Executive Director, Patrick Fortner, has determined that for the first five-year period the proposed repeal is in effect there will be no fiscal implications for state or local government. There will be no adverse effect on small businesses or rural communities, micro-businesses, or local or state employment. There will be no additional economic costs to persons required to comply with the repeal as proposed. An Economic Impact Statement and Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is not required because the proposed repeal will not have an adverse economic effect on small businesses or rural communities as defined in Texas Government Code §2006.001(1-a) and (2).

Mr. Fortner has determined that for each year of the first five years the proposed repeal will be in effect the public benefit is to make the requirements for reporting criminal convictions easier to find in the Board's rules.

The Board provides this Government Growth Impact Statement, pursuant to Texas Government Code §2001.0221, for the proposed repeal of 22 TAC §72.18. For each year of the first five years the proposed repeal is in effect, Mr. Fortner has determined:

- (1) The proposed repeal does not create or eliminate a government program.
- (2) Implementation of the proposed repeal does not require the creation of new employee positions or the elimination of existing employee positions.
- (3) Implementation of the proposed repeal does not require an increase or decrease in future legislative appropriations to the Board.
- (4) The proposed repeal does not require a decrease or increase in fees paid to the Board.
- (5) The proposed repeal does not create a new regulation.
- (6) The proposal repeals existing Board rules for an administrative process.
- (7) The proposed repeal does not decrease the number of individuals subject to the rule's applicability.
- (8) The proposed repeal does not positively or adversely affect the state economy.

Comments on the proposed repeal or a request for a public hearing may be submitted to Christopher Burnett, General Counsel, Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners, 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-825, Austin, Texas 78701, via email: rules@tbce.state.tx.us; or fax: 512-305-6705, no later than 30 days from the date that this proposed repeal is published in the *Texas Register*. Please include the rule name and number in the subject line of any comments submitted by email.

The repeal is proposed under Texas Occupations Code §201.152 (which authorizes the Board to adopt rules necessary to perform the Board's duties and to regulate the practice of chiropractic),

Texas Occupations Code §201.313 (which requires the Board to conduct criminal history checks on applicants for licensure), and Texas Occupations Code §53.22 (which requires the Board to consider an applicant's criminal background).

No other statutes or rules are affected by this proposed repeal.

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72.18. Criminal History.

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