



State of Ohio
Ohio State Chiropractic Board

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Senate Health Committee – SB 255 Testimony
Senator Stephen A. Huffman, Chair

Chairman Huffman, Vice Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the Senate Health Committee. Please accept the following testimony from the Ohio State Chiropractic Board in regard to SB 255, to revise the law governing coroners and death certificates.

ORC Section 313.02 currently permits Ohio licensed chiropractic physicians to be eligible to the office of coroner. As proposed, SB 255 prohibits chiropractic physicians from the office of coroner by only permitting medical physicians licensed under Chapter 4731 to be eligible to the office. According to sponsor testimony, this change is to “ensure that all coroners in our state have the ability to sign death certificates, a key component of their role as coroner.”

Ohio law does not require that death certificates be signed by a coroner and provides alternatives to the coroner signing a death certificate.

As an elected position, it is voters that determine who they wish to serve as their coroner. The Board respectfully requests that ORC Section 313 continue to permit chiropractic physicians to be eligible to the office of coroner.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony and for your consideration of the Board’s comments. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Executive Director, Liz Moore, at the contact information below or at liz.moore@chr.ohio.gov.