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**SB17-135**

**FISCAL NOTE**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

**Drafting Number:** LLS 17-0007  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Marble  
Rep. Lewis

**Date:** February 7, 2017  
**Bill Status:** Senate Agriculture  
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**BILL TOPIC:** REMOVE MEDICAL RELEASE REQUIREMENT FOR ANIMAL CHIROPRACTIC

| <b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>                           | <b>FY 2017-2018</b>                                   | <b>FY 2018-2019</b> |
|--|---|---------------------|
| <b>State Revenue</b>                                   |   |                     |
| <b>State Expenditures</b>                              | Workload increase.<br>See State Expenditures section. |                     |
| <b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.                   |   |                     |
| <b>Future Year Impacts:</b> Ongoing workload increase. |   |                     |

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill removes the requirement that a registered animal chiropractor receive medical clearance by a licensed veterinarian to perform animal chiropractic treatment. If the animal patient is also under the care of a licensed veterinarian, the animal chiropractor is encouraged to collaborate with the veterinarian. The bill also allows a chiropractor who is not registered as an animal chiropractor to perform animal chiropractic treatment if a licensed veterinarian provides medical clearance. In this situation, the chiropractor is required to maintain professional collaboration with the veterinarian who provided the medical clearance.

**State Expenditures**

This bill will minimally increase workload for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners in the Department of Regulatory Agencies to respond to complaints regarding chiropractic treatment for animal patients. This increase can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 9, 2017, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 10, 2017, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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