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Governor DeWine Signs House Bill 197, Provides Relief for Small Businesses

(Columbus, OH) Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed House Bill 197 today to assist individuals, families, and businesses during the coronavirus pandemic. This bipartisan bill passed with an emergency clause, meaning it will be enacted immediately.

HB 197 includes some of the following changes that will affect chiropractors and small businesses:

- Codifies an executive order by DeWine to temporarily waive the typical waiting period required to qualify for unemployment benefits, and erase (for now) the requirement that people who get jobless benefits must seek work.
- Extends the deadline to file income tax forms to July 15 to conform with new Federal standards.
- Extends the deadline for medical professionals seeking license renewal so they can continue practicing

Licensees that have not yet renewed their license, the OSCB will be reaching out to you directly via email. You will have the option to renew now, or any time before December 1, 2020 (or 90 days from the time the crisis is lifted), whichever comes first.

This bill will last for the duration of the pandemic, which means the end date is currently unknown. The OSCA applauds the Ohio Legislature and Governor DeWine for acting quickly during this unprecedented pandemic.

There are many other changes in this bill that might affect you personally. If you would like to read the full bill, please go to <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA133-HB-197>

We will continue to seek more clarification and details on everything this bill and the federal COVID-19 bill encompasses for you and your practice. For any questions, please contact the OSCA Office at osca@oscachiro.org

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