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OSCA's House Bill 151 Passes; Awaits Governor's Signature

(Columbus, OH) Today, House Bill 151 has passed both legislative chambers and now awaits Governor DeWine's signature. HB 151, sponsored by Representative Rick Carfagna (R-Harrison), creates the chiropractic loan repayment program and remedies animal chiropractic language. This bill was passed with an emergency measure, which means it will go into effect as soon as the Governor signs it.

After passing the Ohio House of Representatives in February, the bill was passed out of the Senate by unanimous vote on Wednesday, November 18th. The Senate Health, Human Services, and Medicaid Committee added 3 unrelated amendments to the bill, including an emergency measure, all of which were agreed upon today by the Ohio House.

This bill creates a chiropractic loan repayment program to offer chiropractors around the state up to \$30,000 in loan repayment support if they serve in what is deemed a "health resource shortage area." Any licensed chiropractor in the state of Ohio or student in their final year of chiropractic school, who serves or plans to serve in one of these shortage areas will be able to apply. The annual loan will not exceed \$10,000 per person. Once we have more information on the application, we will be sure to communicate these details with OSCA members.

The bill also authorizes an animal chiropractic practitioner to practice animal chiropractic without the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, given that they register with the State Chiropractic Board. For a DC to be an animal chiropractic practitioner, they must hold a current, valid certification from The American Veterinary Chiropractic Association, The International Veterinary Chiropractic Association, the College of Animal Chiropractors or any other credentialing organization specified in rules.

We anticipate the bill will be signed before the Thanksgiving holiday. The OSCA is thrilled to see another piece of pro-chiropractic legislation pass into law, and we continue to work on numerous other pieces of legislation.

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