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Public Health Committee
RHB 6258 An Act Concerning Business Names Used by Practicing Chiropractors
Testimony of Dr. Gina Carucci, President, CT Chiropractic Association

Senator Stillman, Representative Ritter and members of the committee, my name is Gina Carucci and I am a practicing doctor of chiropractic in Rocky Hill, CT and I am the President of the CT Chiropractic Association. I am here today to offer testimony on HB 6258, an act concerning *Business Names Used by Practicing Chiropractors*.

It is the opinion of the CT Chiropractic Association that this statute change will clarify an outdated section of the 1949 statute. Making the suggested change will contemporize the statute to more accurately reflect the many multidisciplinary practices that currently exist in our state. For example, we have members in practice with orthopedic surgeons, neurologists, physical therapists, nurse practitioners, general practitioners and acupuncturists under general names, there is such a practice in Danbury is made up of orthopedic surgeons, chiropractors and physician assistants. To be required to name the practice by the name of the chiropractor(s) incorrectly describes the practice. The suggested deletion from the statute {...*No person shall practice as a chiropractor under any name other than the name of the chiropractor actually owning the practice or a corporate name containing the name or names of such chiropractors.....*...} would more accurately reflect the trend of multidisciplinary practices we see in our state and clear up the many complaints before the Department of Public Health naming many of my colleagues as being in violation of the current out-dated statute.

I believe in 2005 the statutes were changed to allow for multidisciplinary practices to form and in hind sight, making the current statutory change at that time would have been a good idea and made the statutory change more complete.

The current requirement does not exist in the practice statutes of other healing arts practitioner, therefore the proposed change would conform our statute to what is required of everyone else and we believe that is fair and just makes sense.

I would note that the statute will still require that the Doctor of Chiropractic have his/her name shown at the business entrance or on the office door. It will still require that the use of the title "doctor" also include the word "chiropractic".

Thank you for your time in considering this statutory change.

Respectfully submitted,

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