



Written Testimony of the Connecticut Orthopaedic Society

Opposing House Bill 5915 An Act Concerning the Practice of Classical Homeopathy

Public Health Committee – February 23, 2015

Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and distinguished Members of the Public Health Committee, on behalf of the more than 250 orthopaedic surgeons of the Connecticut Orthopaedic Society, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in opposition to HB 5915, An Act Concerning the Practice of Classical Homeopathy.

This bill seeks to recognize classical homeopathy and allow the practice of classical homeopathy by unlicensed providers who are not regulated by the state. Currently, only licensed physicians can render homeopathic care and any consideration of recognizing and allowing the practice of classical homeopathy must also mandate required licensure through the Department of Public Health and establishment of a review board for the practitioner group.

In addition, the Report to the General Assembly from the Department of Public Health on Certified Classical Homeopathy, dated 2/1/2012 identified key areas that must be addressed prior to enacting legislation. Those key areas include a statutory definition of homeopathy, clear definition of "certified classical homeopath" including credentials that must be held by the individual and inconsistencies in education and training between licensed physicians practicing homeopathy and certified classical homeopaths need to be addressed. This bill should be opposed as it does not address the key concerns of the Department of Public Health

Furthermore, there are no mechanisms in place that address public safety or consumer awareness in the bill as drafted.

The Connecticut Orthopaedic Society strongly urges members of the Committee to oppose this bill which would grant unlicensed and unregulated providers permission to care for the citizens of Connecticut.

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