

DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
142nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 2  
with Amendments as passed by  
The Senate 1/21/2003

**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE  
CODE RELATING TO THE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend Title 24, Chapter 7, of the Delaware Code by adding a new section as follows:

“718. Opinions and Testimony.

- (a) (a) Any chiropractor who is duly licensed as a chiropractic practitioner under this Chapter shall be deemed competent to offer opinions in the Courts, administrative agencies and other tribunals of this State as to matters of causation, within the scope of chiropractic practice, provided the testimony is offered to a reasonable degree of chiropractic certainty and there is otherwise an adequate foundation for the admission of this testimony.
- (b) (b) Any chiropractor duly licensed under this Chapter shall also be deemed competent to offer opinions in the Courts, administrative agencies and other tribunals of this State as to matters of permanent impairment or disability provided the testimony, is within the scope of chiropractic practice, and is offered to a reasonable degree of chiropractic certainty and there is otherwise an adequate foundation of the admission of this testimony”.

SYNOPSIS

This Bill is intended to eliminate the current debate over whether chiropractors are competent to testify in the Courts of this State on matters relating to causation, permanent impairment, and disability. For many years, chiropractors had been permitted to offer opinions on these issues until recent Superior Court rulings called into question this practice.

Senator Vaughn