

The NBCE is pleased to share this important message from the Chiropractic Society of Wisconsin.

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The Chiropractic Society of Wisconsin (CSW) applauds the changes of NBCE score requirements in Wisconsin

MADISON, WI – Monday, surrounded by CSW members, including many recent graduates who testified at the public legislative hearings, Governor Walker signed into law Act 288. Act 288 removes the arbitrary higher National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) exam scores and in the process completes the final step of a six-year project by the members of the CSW to remove artificial barriers preventing young chiropractors from practicing in Wisconsin.

"I am very proud to welcome all of the young doctors to join us in Wisconsin. It was an honor for the CSW to champion the removal of both the "Wisconsin exam" and the subsequent higher NBCE scores that were unfairly keeping these very competent chiropractors from returning to their hometowns and families to practice," stated CSW president Dr. Lona Cook.

"Our appreciation goes out to Senator Petrowski and Representative Kooyenga, who have worked tirelessly with the CSW since 2012 to allow chiropractors who have successfully passed the NBCE examinations and could practice in virtually every state other than

Wisconsin to return to our great state," added CSW Immediate Past President Dr. Dean Shepherd.

In addition to the members of the CSW who participated in the legislative process to obtain the necessary changes, we would like to acknowledge the efforts of Dr. Norman Ouzts, the Executive Vice President of the NBCE. Dr. Ouzts traveled from Colorado to attend the public hearings and provide expert testimony that demonstrates the undisputed validity of the NBCE national score and the rationale of why the higher Wisconsin scores were flawed and did not equate to greater public safety.

The true beneficiaries of this legislation will be the families of these young chiropractors and citizens of the Wisconsin cities where these young doctors will now be able open their offices and begin the process of providing natural, drug-free chiropractic healthcare services.

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About the Chiropractic Society of Wisconsin

The Chiropractic Society of Wisconsin (CSW) is a nonprofit affiliation of licensed doctors of chiropractic and associated businesses dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the drug-free, holistic care of the people of Wisconsin. The CSW accomplishes its goals through: education and dissemination of information, organized governmental activity, legislation and regulation, mediation with consumer and public interest groups, and provision of collective benefits to its members. For more information, visit CSW's website at <u>www.chiropracticsocietywi.org</u>.