
DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes standards and oversight of the practice of naturopathic medicine.

Proposed law establishes the Louisiana Naturopathic Medicine Examining Board within the La. Dept. of Health.

Proposed law provides that the board consists of four naturopathic doctors and one consumer member. Proposed law requires gubernatorial appointment of board members subject to Senate confirmation.

Proposed law requires naturopathic doctor members to have at least two years of practice experience and be eligible for licensure. Proposed law establishes qualifications and restrictions for the consumer member to ensure independence from the profession. Proposed law provides for three-year board member terms, staggered initial terms, and a limit of three consecutive terms.

Proposed law authorizes removal of board members for cause and provides for filling vacancies.

Proposed law requires the board to elect a chairperson and meet at least twice annually.

Proposed law authorizes the board to create committees as necessary to achieve the duties of the board.

Proposed law designates the board as the exclusive licensing authority for naturopathic medicine in the state. Proposed law authorizes the board to issue, deny, suspend, revoke, and renew licenses.

Proposed law requires the board to approve educational programs, examinations, and establish continuing education requirements. Proposed law requires the board to establish ethical, professional, and practice standards and to enforce discipline.

Proposed law requires the board to define the scope of practice, prescribing authority, and supervision standards. Proposed law authorizes the board to adopt rules, employ staff, and disseminate information.

Proposed law authorizes licensed naturopathic doctors to perform examinations, order and interpret tests, and provide a range of therapeutic treatments.

Proposed law authorizes prescribing, administering, and dispensing of drugs and therapeutic

substances, excluding Schedule II controlled substances.

Proposed law authorizes certain procedures, injections, and non-surgical minor office procedures consistent with training. Proposed law authorizes limited prenatal care and labor support but prohibits delivery or obstetrical procedures.

Proposed law requires licensure to practice naturopathic medicine and establishes a two-year license term.

Proposed law establishes licensure requirements including an application, fees, proof of accredited education, and passage of a national competency exam.

Proposed law requires the board to issue licenses to qualified applicants and to establish renewal requirements.

Proposed law establishes educational standards for accredited naturopathic medical programs in the United States and Canada.

Proposed law requires the passage of a national licensing examination.

Proposed law authorizes the board to set and collect fees within specified maximum amounts. Proposed law prohibits fees exceeding statutory caps without legislative approval.

Proposed law requires licensees to display their license and credentials at their place of practice.

Proposed law authorizes prescriptive authority, excluding Schedule II controlled substances, and requires compliance with state and federal law. Proposed law requires licensees to meet documentation, training, and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration registration requirements for prescribing.

Proposed law requires referral to other healthcare providers when a patient's needs exceed the scope of practice.

Proposed law establishes prohibitions on certain practices, including major surgery, use of anesthesia, and practicing outside of the scope education or training.

Proposed law preserves the authority of other licensed professionals and allows supervised student practice.

Proposed law permits unlicensed individuals to provide non-medical wellness services with restrictions on representation and title usage.

Proposed law establishes protected titles for licensed naturopathic doctors and restricts use by unlicensed individuals.

Proposed law requires clear disclosure by unlicensed individuals using naturopath-related titles and authorizes the board to set disclosure standards.

Proposed law provides for independent practice of naturopathic medicine without physician supervision or collaboration.

(Adds R.S. 36:259(A)(25) and R.S. 37:3731-3744)