

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill No. 1093 by Representative Carlson

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete lines 2 through 9 in their entirety and insert the following:

3 "To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1277(A)(introductory paragraph) and (1) and to enact Part
 4 IX of Chapter 15 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of
 5 R.S. 37:1360.121 through 1360.135, relative to the practice of naturopathic medicine; to
 6 create the Louisiana Naturopathic Physician's Practice Act; to create the Louisiana
 7 Naturopathic Advisory Council within the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners; to
 8 provide for criminal history checks; to provide for the duties of the Louisiana State Board
 9 of Medical Examiners; to provide for licensing naturopathic doctors; to provide for
 10 educational requirements; to provide for scope of practice; to prohibit certain acts; to provide
 11 for prescriptive authority and prescriptive endorsement; to establish independent practice;
 12 to provide for advertising; to provide for displaying credentials; to provide for fees; and to
 13 provide for related matters."

14 AMENDMENT NO. 2

15 On page 1, delete lines 11 through 20 in their entirety and insert the following:

16 "Section 1. R.S. 37:1277(A)(introductory paragraph) and (1) are hereby amended
 17 and reenacted and Part IX of Chapter 15 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
 18 1950, comprised of R.S. 37:1360.121 through 1360.135, is hereby enacted to read as
 19 follows:"

20 AMENDMENT NO. 3

21 On page 2, delete line 1 in its entirety and insert the following:

22 "§1277. Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners; authorization to obtain
 23 criminal history record information
 24 A. As used in this Section the following terms ~~shall~~ have the following
 25 meaning:
 26 (1) "Applicant" means an individual who has made application to the board
 27 for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of any form of health care practitioner
 28 licensure which the board is authorized by law to issue, including but not limited to
 29 licensure as a physician or surgeon pursuant to R.S. 37:1261 et seq.; as a podiatrist
 30 pursuant to R.S. 37:611 et seq.; as a physician assistant pursuant to R.S. 37:1360.21
 31 et seq.; as a naturopathic physician pursuant to R.S. 1360.121 et seq.; as a midwife
 32 practitioner pursuant to R.S. 37:3240 et seq.; as a respiratory therapist or respiratory
 33 therapy assistant pursuant to R.S. 37:3351 et seq.; as an occupational therapist or
 34 occupational therapy assistant pursuant to R.S. 37:3001 et seq.; as a clinical
 35 laboratory scientist pursuant to R.S. 37:1311 et seq.; as a clinical exercise
 36 physiologist pursuant to R.S. 37:3421 et seq.; as an athletic trainer pursuant to R.S.
 37 37:3301 et seq.; as an acupuncturist or acupuncturist's assistant pursuant to R.S.
 38 37:1356 et seq.; as a private radiologic technologist pursuant to R.S. 37:1292; or as
 39 a dispensing physician pursuant to LAC 46:XLV.6501 et seq.
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41 PART IX. NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 4

2 On page 2, line 2, change "§3731." to "§1360.121."

3 AMENDMENT NO. 5

4 On page 2, line 4, change "Doctor's" to "Physician's"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 6

6 On page 2, line 5, change "§3732." to "§1360.122."

7 AMENDMENT NO. 7

8 On page 2, line 6, change "Chapter" to "Part"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 8

10 On page 2, delete lines 21 through 28 in their entirety and insert the following:

11 "(2) "Board" means the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners."

12 AMENDMENT NO. 9

13 On page 3, delete lines 1 through 9 in their entirety

14 AMENDMENT NO. 10

15 On page 3, line 10, change "(4)(a)" to "(3)(a)"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 11

17 On page 3, line 24, change "(5)" to "(4)"

18 AMENDMENT NO. 12

19 On page 3, between lines 26 and 27, insert the following:

20 "(5) "Council" means The Louisiana Naturopathic Advisory Council."

21 AMENDMENT NO. 13

22 On page 4, line 5, after "humans" insert a period "." and delete the remainder of the line.

23 AMENDMENT NO. 14

24 On page 4, line 6, delete "human or" and insert "humans."

25 AMENDMENT NO. 15

26 On page 4, delete line 7 in its entirety

27 AMENDMENT NO. 16

28 On page 4, line 9, after "humans" insert a period "." and delete the remainder of the line.

29 AMENDMENT NO. 17

30 On page 4, line 21, after "humans" insert a period "." and delete the remainder of the line.

1 AMENDMENT NO. 18

2 On page 4, line 23, after "humans" insert a period "." and delete the remainder of the line.

3 AMENDMENT NO. 19

4 On page 4, line 25, after "humans" insert a period "." and delete the remainder of the line.

5 AMENDMENT NO. 20

6 On page 4, between line 25 and 26 insert the following:

7 "(9) Durable medical equipment" means equipment that can withstand
8 repeated use, is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose, is
9 generally not useful to a person in the absence of illness or injury, and is appropriate
10 for use in the home including but not limited to all of the following:

11 (a) Blood glucose meters.

12 (b) Continuous glucose monitors.

13 (c) Blood pressure monitors.

14 (d) Pulse oximeters.

15 (e) Thermometers.

16 (f) Oxygen concentrators and tanks.

17 (g) Nebulizers.

18 (h) Infusion pumps.

19 (i) Any other assistive technology or device used in the management of a
20 patient's health."

21 AMENDMENT NO. 21

22 On page 4, line 26, change "(9)" to "(10)"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 22

24 On page 5, line 1, change "(10)" to "(11)"

25 AMENDMENT NO. 23

26 On page 5, line 2, change "Chapter" to "Part" and "doctor" to "physician"

27 AMENDMENT NO. 24

28 On page 5, delete lines 3 through 15 in their entirety

29 AMENDMENT NO. 25

30 On page 5, delete lines 21 through 25 in their entirety and insert the following:

31 "(13) "Naturopathic physical medicine" means the use of physical agents of
32 air, water, heat, cold, sound, and light and the physical modalities of electrotherapy,
33 biofeedback, diathermy, ultraviolet light, ultrasound, hydrotherapy, exercise,
34 naturopathic manipulation and mobilization therapy. "Naturopathic physical
35 medicine" does not mean the employment or application of chiropractic or spinal
36 adjustments and the principles or techniques of chiropractic science as described in
37 R.S. 37:2801 et. seq. or the manipulation or adjustment of the spine or extremity
38 joints of the human body beyond the elastic barrier, including small amplitude
39 movement at or beyond the end range of normal joint motion."

1 AMENDMENT NO. 26

2 On page 5, lines 28, after "medicine," insert "or" and at the end of the line insert a period " ."

3 AMENDMENT NO. 27

4 On page 5, delete line 29 in its entirety

5 AMENDMENT NO. 28

6 On page 6, delete lines 13 through 29 in their entirety

7 AMENDMENT NO. 29

8 Delete page 7 in its entirety and insert the following:

9 "§1360.123. The Louisiana Naturopathic Advisory Council"

10 A. The Louisiana Naturopathic Advisory Council is created to assist the
11 Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners in the administration and oversight of
12 the practice of naturopathic medicine.

13 B. The council consists of the following members:

14 (1) Three members who are licensed naturopathic physicians.

15 (2) One member who is a consumer.

16 C.(1) The members of the council shall be selected by the board.

17 (2) Each council member who is a naturopathic physician shall meet all of
18 the following criteria:

19 (a) Be licensed in this state as a naturopathic physician.

20 (b) Actively practice naturopathic medicine in this state.

21 (c) Be certified by the North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners.

22 (d) Have a minimum of two years of clinical experience in the practice of
23 naturopathic medicine.

24 (3) The consumer member shall represent consumer interests through
25 experience in public service, community advocacy, law, and ethics.

26 D.(1) A majority of the members of the council shall constitute a quorum.

27 (2) All members of the council shall serve a term of three years.

28 (3) The council shall elect a chairperson by a majority of the vote.

29 (4). The council shall meet, at a minimum, twice annually, or as called by
30 the board.

31 (5) The council shall maintain records of the content of its meetings and
32 submit a copy of the such records to the board.

33 E. The council has all of the following duties:

34 (1) Advise the board on licensure requirements and professional standards
35 for naturopathic physicians.

36 (2) Recommend rules and regulations governing the practice of naturopathic
37 medicine.

38 (3) Provide guidance to the board regarding prescribing authority as defined
39 in this Part.

40 (4) Advise on ethics, examinations, continuing education, and professional
41 conduct.

42 (5) Review licensure applications and make recommendations to the board.

43 (6) Review prescribing practices.

44 (7) Provide recommendations for updates or clarifications on law provided
45 for in this Part.

46 F. The council shall make recommendations only. The board retains full and
47 final authority over licensure, discipline, rulemaking, and approval of prescriptive
48 authority."

1 AMENDMENT NO. 30

2 On page 8 delete lines 1 through 11 in their entirety

3 AMENDMENT NO. 31

4 On page 8, line 12, change "§3734." to "§1360.124."

5 AMENDMENT NO. 32

6 On page 8, line 13, change "the state" to "this state"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 33

8 On page 8, line 15, change "doctors." to "physicians."

9 AMENDMENT NO. 34

10 On page 8, line 16, change "has the authority" to "may"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 35

12 On page 9, delete lines 3 through 6 in their entirety and insert the following:

13 "I. The board shall oversee the scope of practice authorized by a license to
14 practice naturopathic medicine in accordance with this Part."

15 AMENDMENT NO. 36

16 On page 9, delete lines 10 and 11 in their entirety and insert the following:

17 "L. The board shall conduct a criminal history check on all licensees in
18 accordance with R.S. 37:1277."

19 AMENDMENT NO. 37

20 On page 9, line 14, change "§3735." to "§1360.125."

21 AMENDMENT NO. 38

22 On page 9, delete line 15 and insert the following:

23 "A. A licensee may practice naturopathic medicine, naturopathic physical
24 medicine, and naturopathic therapy in accordance with naturopathic"

25 AMENDMENT NO. 39

26 On page 9, line 24, change "(a)" to "(5)"

27 AMENDMENT NO. 40

28 On page 9, line 25, change "Chapter" to "Part"

29 AMENDMENT NO. 41

30 On page 9, delete lines 26 through 29 in their entirety

1 AMENDMENT NO. 42

2 On page 10, delete lines 1 through 4 in their entirety and insert the following:

3 "(6) Prescribing, recommending, or administering a therapeutic"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 43

5 On page 10, delete line 6 in its entirety and insert the following:

6 "(a) Therapeutic substances including but not limited to food, food extracts,
7 nutraceuticals, vitamins, minerals, amino acids,"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 44

9 On page 10, line 7, after "thyroid," and before "botanicals," insert "peptides,"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 45

11 On page 10, line 9, change "(ii)" to "(b)"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 46

13 On page 10, delete line 10 through 27 in their entirety and insert the following:

14 "(c) Substances authorized for intradermal, subcutaneous, intramuscular,
15 intravenous, ligamentous, tendinous, periarticular, intra-vaginal, or rectal, including
16 proliferative therapy.

17 (d) Hyperbaric oxygen therapy, also know as HBOT; mild hyperbaric
18 oxygen therapy, also known as mHBOT; and ozone.

19 (e) Durable medical equipment and devices.

20 (7) Engaging in healthcare and nutritional counseling, including fertility
21 counseling.

22 (8) Providing dietary therapy, naturopathic physical medicine, and barrier
23 contraceptive devices.

24 (9) Providing biofeedback, neurofeedback, frequency-based therapies
25 including but not limited to RIFE, light based, and soundwave modalities."

26 AMENDMENT NO. 47

27 On page 11, line 1, change "(g)" to "B."

28 AMENDMENT NO. 48

29 On page 11, line 2, change "Chapter" to "Part"

30 AMENDMENT NO. 49

31 On page 11, line 4, change "(7)" to "C."

32 AMENDMENT NO. 50

33 On page 11, line 6, change "(8)" to "D."

34 AMENDMENT NO. 51

35 On page 11 delete lines 9 through 14 in their entirety

1 AMENDMENT NO. 52

2 On page 11, line 15, change "§3736." to "§1360.126."

3 AMENDMENT NO. 53

4 On page 11, line 18, change "Chapter" to "Part"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 54

6 On page 11, line 19, change "two years" to "one year"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 55

8 On page 11, line 26, change "Chapter" to "Part"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 56

10 On page 12, line 2, change "Chapter" to "Part"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 57

12 On page 12, line 10, change "Chapter" to "Part"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 58

14 On page 12, delete lines 12 through 29 and on page 13, delete lines 1 through 9 in their
15 entirety and insert the following:

16 "E.(1) The board may issue a license to practice naturopathic medicine to an
17 applicant who is licensed in good standing in another state, territory, or jurisdiction
18 of the United States or province with licensing requirements substantially equivalent
19 to or greater than those of this state, as determined by the board.

20 The applicant shall do all of the following:

21 (a) Submit an application and applicable fees.

22 (b) Provide verification of current licensure in good standing.

23 (c) Demonstrate successful completion of a competency-based naturopathic
24 medical licensing examination that was accepted by the previous state, territory,
25 jurisdiction, or province.

26 (d) Provide evidence of active practice or continued competency as defined
27 by board rule.

28 (2) The board may require additional information necessary to determine
29 substantial equivalency.

30 F.(1) The board may require a licensee who fails to provide consent and
31 information required by the board to obtain a criminal history review.

32 (2) The board may deny, suspend, or revoke the license of a licensee that is
33 convicted of a felony or an offense involving fraud or public safety.

34 G. Licensure does not confer prescriptive authority. Prescriptive authority
35 shall be granted only through a separate prescriptive endorsement issued by the
36 board upon satisfaction of additional educational, examination, and rule requirements
37 provided for in this Part.

38 H. The board may deny, suspend, revoke, or otherwise discipline a licensee
39 in accordance with this Part and board rules.

40 §1360.127. Educational qualifications; professional competency examination

41 A. An applicant seeking a license to practice naturopathic medicine shall
42 have graduated from a school of naturopathic medicine that meets all of the
43 following requirements:

44 (1) The school is a degree-granting doctoral-level naturopathic medical
45 education program that offers didactic and supervised clinical training with standards

1 adopted by the board by rule and results in the awarding of the degree of Doctor of
2 Naturopathic Medicine or Doctor of Naturopathy.

3 (2) The course of study is any one of the following:

4 (a) Accredited or a candidate for accreditation by the Council on
5 Naturopathic Medical Education or a successor or comparable accrediting agency;
6 or the naturopathic medical program is accredited or has achieved candidacy for
7 accreditation by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education, or by a successor
8 or board recognized programmatic accrediting agency for naturopathic medical
9 programs that the board finds to be substantially equivalent to Council on
10 Naturopathic Medical Education standards, including standards for supervised
11 clinical training, assessment, and outcomes, regardless of the agency’s recognition
12 status with the United States Department of Education. Programs taught entirely or
13 primarily via distance education, or lacking supervised live patient care, do not meet
14 the requirements of this Subparagraph.

15 (b) Housed in an institution of higher education that is either accredited or is
16 a candidate for accreditation by an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the
17 United States secretary of Education or the Council for Higher Education
18 Accreditation, their successors, or any comparable federally recognized national
19 quality-assurance body; or if no qualified programmatic naturopathic medical
20 program accreditor exists, the program is housed within an institution of higher
21 education that is accredited, or in candidacy, by an institutional accrediting agency
22 recognized by the United States Department of Education or the Council for Higher
23 Education Accreditation, or by a Canadian provincial quality assurance body; and
24 the board, through rule, determines the program meets or exceeds the curricular and
25 clinical standards set forth in the Council for Higher Education Adccreditation
26 Handbook of Accreditation then in effect, or its successor, including supervised
27 clinical training with live patient encounters. Programs taught entirely or primarily
28 via distance education do not meet the requirement of this Subparagraph.

29 (c) From a degree-granting institution of higher education in the United
30 States or a diploma-granting degree-equivalent institution of higher education in
31 Canada that, prior to the existence of the Council of Higher Education, offered a
32 full-time, structured curriculum in basic sciences and supervised patient care
33 comprising a doctoral naturopathic medical education requiring not less than one
34 hundred thirty-two weeks of coursework to be completed within a period of not less
35 than thirty months, which was reputable and in good standing in the judgment of the
36 board, and which, if still in existence, has current programmatic accreditation by the
37 Council on Naturopathic Medical Education or an equivalent accrediting agency.

38 §1360.128. Fees"

39 AMENDMENT NO. 59

40 On page 13, line 29, change "§3739." to "§1360.129."

41 AMENDMENT NO. 60

42 On page 14, delete lines 5 through 24 and insert the following:

43 "§1360.130. Prescriptive authority; requirements

44 A.(1) After meeting all requirements of this Part and obtaining a prescriptive
45 endorsement, in accordance with the provisions of this Part, a licensee may
46 prescribe, administer, dispense and order any of the following:

47 (a) Legend drugs.

48 (b) Testosterone products and controlled substances listed in Schedules III,
49 IV, and V as provided for in R.S. 40:946.

50 (2) A licensee shall not prescribe or order controlled substances listed in
51 Schedule I or II, as provided for in R.S. 40:964, benzodiazepines, opioids, or opioid
52 derivatives.

53 B. A licensee may administer a drug utilizing routes of administration
54 including but not limited to oral, nasal, topical, auricular, ocular, rectal, vaginal,

1 intramuscular, transdermal, intradermal, subcutaneous, ligamentous, tendinous, and
 2 intravenous, including proliferative therapy.

3 C. All prescribing shall be in accordance with applicable state and federal
 4 law, including requirements for registration with the United States Drug
 5 Enforcement Administration when applicable.

6 D. A naturopathic doctor may prescribe nonprescription medications without
 7 limitation.

8 E. Prescribing, dispensing, and compounding authority exercised in
 9 accordance with this Part shall be subject to all applicable provisions of state and
 10 federal law including oversight by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.

11 F. The board shall require a licensee to do all of the following:

12 (1) Record each prescription order in writing which may include
 13 electronically recorded and transmitted communication. Each order shall include the
 14 name, address, and telephone number of the naturopathic doctor.

15 (2) Prescribe only when the naturopathic doctor has adequate education,
 16 training, and experience to safely manage the medical regimen.

17 (3) Register with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration to
 18 prescribe controlled substances authorized by this Part.

19 (4) Comply with requirements of state and federal law and rules developed
 20 by the board relative to prescribing pharmaceutical drugs.

21 (5) The board may require a period of monitored prescribing, which may
 22 include chart review, peer review, or other competency-based evaluation, for a
 23 period not to exceed one year or until sufficient prescribing competency is
 24 demonstrated.

25 §1360.131. Prescriptive endorsement

26 A. In order to obtain the special license endorsement which shall authorize
 27 a naturopathic physician to prescribe, dispense, and administer prescription
 28 medicines, an otherwise qualified naturopathic physician will be required to pass the
 29 naturopathic pharmacology examination or a substantially equivalent examination
 30 approved by the board.

31 B. For no less than one year after receiving the special license endorsement,
 32 prescriptions shall be reviewed by an objective and independent supervising
 33 physician licensed, or a naturopathic physician licensed. The supervising physician
 34 shall possess an unencumbered license and have been prescribing and administering
 35 prescription drugs without limitation for five years or more. The supervising
 36 physician shall evaluate the naturopathic physician's ability to do all of the
 37 following:

38 (1) Safely prescribe and administer prescription drugs within the
 39 naturopath's scope of practice.

40 (2) Comply with federal and state law.

41 (3) Comply with the applicable administrative rules of the Louisiana Board
 42 of Pharmacy.

43 C. The naturopathic and supervising physicians shall have a formal written
 44 agreement. The agreement shall address the requirements of Subsection B of this
 45 Section. The agreement shall be available for inspection upon request by the board.

46 D. A naturopathic physician who satisfies the supervision requirement in
 47 Subsection B of this Section shall notify the board that this requirement has been met
 48 and file a certificate of completion signed by the supervisor.

49 E. The executive director of the board may waive the prescription review
 50 requirement in Subsection B of this Section if the newly endorsed naturopathic
 51 physician can show that he has experience in prescribing prescription medicines
 52 under the laws of another jurisdiction that has standards and qualifications for a
 53 naturopathic physician to prescribe prescription medications at least equal to those
 54 required under these rules.

55 F. The use of prescription medications in a manner that has not been
 56 approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration is referred to as
 57 "off-label." In addition to the use of prescription medications in a manner approved
 58 by the United States Food and Drug Administration, a naturopathic physician who
 59 has appropriate competency, training, and experience may prescribe medications in

1 an "off-label" manner in conformance with generally accepted standards of practice,
2 including safety and efficacy, for both allopathic and naturopathic physicians."

3 AMENDMENT NO. 61

4 On page 14, line 25, change "§3741." to "§1360.132."

5 AMENDMENT NO. 62

6 On page 14, line 28, change "Chapter" to "Part"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 63

8 On page 14, line 29, change "§3742." to "§1360.133."

9 AMENDMENT NO. 64

10 On page 15, delete line 5 in its entirety and insert "physician, dentist, chiropractor,
11 acupuncturist, or any other healthcare professional unless also"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 65

13 On page 15, delete line 7 in its entirety and insert the following:

14 "(3) Performing surgery."

15 AMENDMENT NO. 66

16 On page 15, line 16, change "Chapter" to "Part"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 67

18 On page 15, delete lines 17 through 19 in their entirety

19 AMENDMENT NO. 68

20 On page 15, line 20, change "Chapter" to "Part"

21 AMENDMENT NO. 69

22 On page 16, line 5, change "Chapter" to "Part"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 70

24 On page 16, line 9, change "Chapter" to "Part"

25 AMENDMENT NO. 71

26 On page 16, line 13, change "Chapter" to "Part"

27 AMENDMENT NO. 72

28 On page 16, line 15, change "under this Chapter" to "in accordance with this Part"

29 AMENDMENT NO. 73

30 On page 16, line 16, change "§3743." to "§1360.134."

1 AMENDMENT NO. 74

2 On page 16, line 28, change "Chapter" to "Part"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 75

4 On page 17, line 1, change "Chapter" to "Part"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 76

6 On page 17, line 16, change "Chapter" to "Part"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 77

8 On page 17, line 19, change "§3744." to "§1360.135."

9 AMENDMENT NO. 78

10 On page 17, delete line 22 in its entirety and insert "of licensure or lawful practice except
11 as provided for in this Part."

12 AMENDMENT NO. 79

13 On page 17, line 22, add the following:

14 "Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027."