



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 437

February Session, 2014



AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF NATUREOPATHY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-34 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

3 (a) The practice of natureopathy means the science, art and practice
4 of healing [by natural methods as recognized by the Council of
5 Natureopathic Medical Education and] that comprises diagnosis,
6 prevention and treatment of disease and health optimization by
7 stimulation and support of the body's natural healing processes, as
8 approved by the State Board of Natureopathic Examiners, with the
9 consent of the [commissioner] Commissioner of Public Health, and
10 shall include (1) counseling; [and] (2) the practice of the mechanical
11 and material sciences of healing as follows: The mechanical sciences
12 such as mechanotherapy, articular manipulation, corrective and
13 orthopedic gymnastics, physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, electrotherapy
14 and phototherapy; and the material sciences such as nutrition,
15 dietetics, phytotherapy, treatment by natural substances and external
16 applications; (3) ordering diagnostic tests and other diagnostic
17 procedures; (4) ordering medical devices, including continuous
18 glucose monitors, glucose meters, glucose test strips, barrier
19 contraceptives and durable medical equipment; and (5) removing ear
20 wax, removing foreign bodies from the ear, nose and skin, shaving

21 corns and calluses, spirometry, tuberculosis testing, vaccine
22 administration, venipuncture for blood testing and minor wound
23 repair, including suturing.

24 (b) For purposes of subsection (a) of this section, "natural
25 substances" means substances [which] that are not narcotic substances,
26 as defined in subdivision (30) of section 21a-240, do not require the
27 written or oral prescription of a licensed practitioner to be dispensed
28 and are only administered orally.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2014	20-34

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*