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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF NATUROPATHY."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 20-34 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

5 (a) The practice of naturopathy means the science, art and practice  
6 of healing by natural methods as recognized by the Council of  
7 Naturopathic Medical Education and that comprises diagnosis,  
8 prevention and treatment of disease and health optimization by  
9 stimulation and support of the body's natural healing processes, as  
10 approved by the State Board of Naturopathic Examiners, with the  
11 consent of the Commissioner of Public Health, and shall include: (1)  
12 [counseling] Counseling; (2) the practice of the [mechanical and  
13 material] physical sciences of healing as follows: [The mechanical

14 sciences such as mechanotherapy articular] Articular, manipulation,  
15 [corrective and orthopedic gymnastics,] physiotherapy, hydrotherapy,  
16 electrotherapy and phototherapy; and the [material] sciences such as  
17 nutrition, dietetics, phytotherapy, treatment by natural substances and  
18 external applications; (3) ordering diagnostic tests and other diagnostic  
19 procedures as such tests and procedures relate to the practice of  
20 [mechanical and material] the physical sciences of healing as described  
21 in subdivision (2) of this subsection; (4) ordering medical devices and  
22 durable medical equipment; and (5) removing ear wax, spirometry,  
23 tuberculosis testing and venipuncture for blood testing.

24 (b) For purposes of subsection (a) of this section, "natural  
25 substances" means substances that are not narcotic substances, as  
26 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.

29 (c) (1) The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the  
30 State Board of Naturopathic Examiners, may establish (1) educational  
31 and examination requirements and other qualifications to allow  
32 persons licensed to practice naturopathy to prescribe, dispense and  
33 administer prescription drugs consistent with the provisions of  
34 subsection (a) of this section, and (2) a naturopathic formulary of  
35 prescription drugs that such persons may prescribe, dispense and  
36 administer consistent with such requirements and qualifications.  
37 Additionally, the commissioner may convene a working group of  
38 persons with whom the commissioner may consult. If a working group  
39 is convened, it shall include: (A) Two naturopathic physicians, one of  
40 whom is a member of the State Board of Naturopathic Examiners; (B)  
41 two physicians, licensed pursuant to Chapter 370; (C) a  
42 pharmacologist affiliated with an institution of higher education in the  
43 state; and (D) two pharmacists, licensed pursuant to chapter 400j, one  
44 of whom has obtained a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

45 (2) If the commissioner establishes a naturopathic formulary, in  
46 accordance with subdivision (1) of this subsection, the commissioner

47 shall, not less than triennially, in consultation with the State Board of  
48 Naturopathic Examiners, review and revise, as deemed necessary,  
49 such naturopathic formulary."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	20-34