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Special Act No. 16-3

**AN ACT CONCERNING A COMMITTEE ON THE PRACTICE OF
NATUROPATHY.**

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee, may establish a committee to consider: (1) The education and examination requirements and other qualifications necessary to allow persons licensed to practice naturopathy pursuant to chapter 373 of the general statutes to prescribe, dispense and administer prescription drugs consistent with their scope of practice, and (2) the development of a naturopathic formulary of prescription drugs for persons licensed to practice naturopathy who meet specified educational and examination requirements or other qualifications to prescribe, dispense or administer. The commissioner may appoint members to the committee who include, but need not be limited to, representatives of health care professions that may be affected by a change to allow persons licensed to practice naturopathy to prescribe, dispense or administer prescription drugs or who may be helpful to establish such a naturopathic formulary of prescription drugs.

(b) Any health care professional or person representing a group of health care professionals who may be affected by a change to allow

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persons licensed to practice naturopathy to prescribe, dispense or administer prescription drugs may submit to the Department of Public Health a written statement describing the anticipated effect of such change not later than June 1, 2016, for consideration by the department or any committee that may be established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

(c) If a committee is established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the Commissioner of Public Health shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, the conclusions of such committee and any recommendations for legislation to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health.

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