



House of Representatives

File No. 776

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5534
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 30, 2016

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

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

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

16 naturopathic formulary of prescription drugs.

17 (b) Any health care professional or person representing a group of
18 health care professionals who may be affected by a change to allow
19 persons licensed to practice naturopathy to prescribe, dispense or
20 administer prescription drugs may submit to the Department of Public
21 Health a written statement describing the anticipated effect of such
22 change not later than June 1, 2016, for consideration by the department
23 or any committee that may be established pursuant to subsection (a) of
24 this section.

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which allows the Department of Public Health to establish a scope of practice committee to consider naturopathy, does not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities. Existing law includes a process for the submission and review of requests from health care professions seeking to revise or establish a scope of practice prior to consideration by the General Assembly.

House "A" struck the underlying bill and replaced it with the language discussed above.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Sources: Department of Public Health, Scope of Practice Determinations for Health Professions, <http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3121&q=486562&dphNav=>

OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5534 (as amended by House "A")

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF NATUROPATHY.

SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 12 (03/21/2016)