

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 5534**

LCO No. 3472

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF NATUROPATHY.

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 Section 20-34 of the general statutes is repealed and the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, 2016*):

3 (a) The practice of naturopathy means the science, art and practice
4 of healing by natural methods as recognized by the Council of
5 Naturopathic 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 Naturopathic Examiners, with the
9 consent of the Commissioner of Public Health, and shall include (1)
10 counseling; (2) the practice of the [mechanical and material] physical
11 and therapeutic sciences of healing as follows: [The mechanical
12 sciences such as mechanotherapy] Corrective exercise therapy for
13 rehabilitation, articular manipulation, [corrective and orthopedic
14 gymnastics,] physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, electrotherapy and
15 phototherapy; and the [material] sciences such as nutrition, dietetics,
16 phytotherapy [,] and treatment by natural substances and external
17 applications; (3) ordering diagnostic tests and other diagnostic
18 procedures; [as such tests and procedures relate to the practice of
19 mechanical and material sciences of healing as described in

20 subdivision (2) of this subsection;] (4) ordering medical devices and
21 durable medical equipment; and (5) removing ear wax, spirometry,
22 tuberculosis testing and venipuncture for blood testing.

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	20-34