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LCO No. 1531



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING NATUROPATHS.

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 Section 20-34 of the general statutes is repealed and the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, 2018*):

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] Counseling; (2) the practice of (A) the [mechanical and
11 material] physical sciences of healing as follows: [The mechanical
12 sciences such as mechanotherapy, articular] Articular manipulation,
13 [corrective and orthopedic gymnastics,] physiotherapy, hydrotherapy,
14 electrotherapy and phototherapy; and [the material] (B) sciences, [such
15 as] including, but not limited to, nutrition, dietetics, phytotherapy,
16 treatment by natural substances and external applications; (3) ordering

17 diagnostic tests and other diagnostic procedures as such tests and
18 procedures relate to the practice of [mechanical and material] the
19 physical sciences of healing as described in subdivision (2) of this
20 subsection; (4) ordering medical devices and durable medical
21 equipment; and (5) removing ear wax, spirometry, tuberculosis testing
22 and (C) venipuncture for blood testing.

23 (b) (1) For purposes of subsection (a) of this section, "natural
24 substances" means substances that (A) are not narcotic substances, as
25 defined in subdivision (30) of section 21a-240, (B) do not require the
26 written or oral prescription of a licensed practitioner to be dispensed,
27 and (C) are only administered orally.

28 (2) The Department of Public Health, in consultation with the State
29 Board of Naturopathic Examiners, established pursuant to section 20-
30 35, may (A) establish educational and examination requirements or
31 other qualifications to permit a naturopathic physician to prescribe,
32 dispense and administer prescription medicines consistent with their
33 scope of practice, and (B) establish a naturopathic formulary of
34 prescription medicines that naturopathic physicians who meet such
35 educational and examination requirements or other qualifications may
36 use consistent with their practice and training. At least triennially, the
37 Department of Public Health in consultation with the State Board of
38 Naturopathic Examiners shall update any naturopathic formulary of
39 prescription medicines established under this subdivision that
40 naturopathic physicians may use consistent with their scope of practice
41 and training.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2018	20-34

Statement of Purpose:
To amend the meaning of "naturopathy" and to establish a procedure for naturopathic physicians to administer prescription medications.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]