

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 6544**

LCO No. 6699

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 Section 20-34 of the general statutes is repealed and the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, 2019*):

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) the sciences,
15 [such as] including, but not limited to, nutrition, dietetics,
16 phytotherapy, 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] physical sciences of healing as described in
20 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of this subsection; (4) ordering
21 medical devices and durable medical equipment; and (5) removing ear
22 wax, spirometry, tuberculosis testing; and (C) venipuncture for blood

23 testing.

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

29 (2) The Department of Public Health, in consultation with the State
30 Board of Naturopathic Examiners established pursuant to section 20-
31 35, may (A) establish educational and examination requirements or
32 other qualifications to permit a naturopathic physician to prescribe,
33 dispense and administer prescription medicines, except any opioid
34 drugs, as defined in section 20-14o, consistent with his or her scope of
35 practice, and (B) establish a naturopathic formulary of prescription
36 medicines, which shall not include any opioid drugs, as defined in said
37 section, that a naturopathic physician who meets such educational and
38 examination requirements or other qualifications may use consistent
39 with his or her practice and training. At least triennially, the
40 Department of Public Health, in consultation with the State Board of
41 Naturopathic Examiners, shall update any naturopathic formulary of
42 prescription medicines established under this subdivision.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	20-34