

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1726

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to naturopathic medicine; defining
8 terms; establishing Naturopathic Medicine Committee;
9 providing for membership, terms, reimbursement policy
10 and powers and duties of Committee; providing for
11 codification; and providing an effective date.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 649.1 of Title 59, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 As used in this act:

17 1. "Naturopathic medicine" means a system of primary health
18 care for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of human health
19 conditions, injury and disease; the promotion or restoration of
20 health; and the support and stimulation of a patient's inherent
21 self-healing processes through patient education and the use of
22 naturopathic therapies and therapeutic substances;

1 2. "Naturopathic physician" and all designations, means a
2 practitioner of naturopathic medicine who has been properly licensed
3 for that purpose;

4 3. "Department" means the State Department of Health;

5 4. "Committee" means the Naturopathic Medicine Committee;

6 5. "License" means the document of authorization issued by the
7 Department for a person to engage in the practice of Naturopathic
8 Medicine;

9 6. "Approved naturopathic medical program" means a naturopathic
10 medical education program in the United States or Canada that meets
11 the requirements for accreditation by the Council on Naturopathic
12 Medical Education (CNME) or an equivalent federally recognized
13 accrediting body for the naturopathic medical profession recognized
14 by the Department. This program must offer doctoral-level, full-
15 time didactic and supervised clinical training leading to the degree
16 of Doctor of Naturopathy or Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine. The
17 program must be an institution, or part of an institution, of higher
18 education that at the time the student completes the program is:

19 a. either accredited or is a candidate for accreditation
20 by a regional institution accrediting agency
21 recognized by the United States Secretary of
22 Education, or

23 b. a degree-granting college or university that prior to
24 the existence of CNME offered a full-time structured

1 curriculum in basic sciences and supervised patient
2 care comprising a doctoral naturopathic medical
3 education that is at least one hundred thirty-two
4 (132) weeks in duration, must be completed in at least
5 thirty-five (35) months and is reputable and in good
6 standing in the judgment of the Department;

7 7. "Approved substances" means over-the-counter substances,
8 food extracts, vitamins, minerals other dietary supplements,
9 botanical, homeopathic preparations and a limited formulary of
10 legend drugs;

11 8. "Minor office procedures" means the methods for the repair
12 and care incidental to superficial lacerations and abrasions,
13 superficial lesions and the removal of foreign bodies located in the
14 superficial tissues;

15 9. "Naturopathic formulary" means the list of medicines,
16 nonprescription and prescription, which naturopathic physicians use
17 in the practice of their profession, as determined by the formulary
18 council and reviewed by the Department;

19 10. "Naturopathic formulary council" means that council
20 comprised of members appointed pursuant to this chapter to determine
21 and authorize the formulary list; and

22 11. "Naturopathic physical applications" means the therapeutic
23 use by naturopathic doctors of the actions or devices of electrical
24 muscle stimulation, galvanic, diathermy, ultrasound, ultraviolet

1 light, sauna, infrared light therapy, biofeedback, hydrotherapy,
2 naturopathic musculoskeletal technique and therapeutic exercise.

3 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 649.2 of Title 59, unless there
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 A. There is hereby established the Naturopathic Medicine
7 Committee to assist the State Department of Health in conducting
8 examinations for applicants and to advise the Department on all
9 matters pertaining to the licensure, education and continuing
10 education of naturopathic physicians and the practice of
11 naturopathic medicine.

12 B. The Naturopathic Medicine Committee shall consist of five
13 (5) members who shall be appointed by the State Commissioner of
14 Health as follows:

15 1. Two members who are licensed to practice naturopathic
16 medicine;

17 2. One member who is a layperson who is not and who has never
18 been licensed to practice naturopathic medicine or members of any
19 closely related profession;

20 3. One member who is licensed by the State Board of Osteopathic
21 Examiners; and

22 4. One member who is licensed by the State Board of Medical
23 Licensure and Supervision.

1 C. Members of the Committee shall be appointed for terms of
2 four (4) years or for the remainder of an unexpired term of a
3 vacancy. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing
4 authority. Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by the
5 Commissioner in the same manner as the original appointment.

6 D. Members of the Committee shall not be compensated but may be
7 reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the
8 performance of duties required by this act in accordance with the
9 provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

10 E. The Committee shall have the power and duty to:

11 1. Assist the Commissioner in promulgating rules;

12 2. Assist in selecting and conducting examinations for
13 licensure, and in determining which applicants successfully pass
14 such examination;

15 3. Advise the Department on all matters pertaining to the
16 licensure, education, and continuing education requirements for and
17 practice of Naturopathic Medicine in this state; and

18 4. Assist and advise in all hearings involving naturopathic
19 physicians who are deemed to be in violation of this act.

20 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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