

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1840

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to natural healing arts; defining terms; stating legislative intent; granting certain protections to natural healing arts practitioners; listing prohibited acts; requiring certain disclosure; providing for penalties; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4300 of Title 59, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section:

1. "Health care professional" means any person who is licensed under Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes to practice any health care profession including, but not limited to, an allopathic physician, osteopathic physician, chiropractor, podiatrist, optometrist, dentist, or physical therapist;

2. "Natural healing arts" means the broad domain of complementary and alternative healing methods, treatments, and services including, but not limited to, Native, indigenous, or

1 cultural healing; anthroposophy; aromatherapy; ayurvedic modalities;
2 biologically resident energetic therapies; Eastern healing arts
3 including, but not limited to, tai chi, acupuncture or qigong;
4 healing touch energy therapy; Reiki; homeopathy; herbalism;
5 traditional naturopathy; iridology; massage therapy; meditation;
6 movement therapies including, but not limited to, Feldenkrais
7 Awareness Through Movement (ATM); structural integration (SI)
8 including, but not limited to, Rolfing SI or Hellerwork SI;
9 Myoskeletal alignment techniques; nutritional consultation; and
10 prayer or other spiritual means; and

11 3. "Natural healing arts practitioner" or "practitioner" means
12 any person who practices any healing art pursuant to this section.

13 B. The Legislature intends, by its enactment of this section,
14 to allow and to protect by this state, unfettered public access to
15 all natural healing arts practitioners and services and to protect
16 the right to practice and provide services according to this
17 section.

18 C. Notwithstanding any other state law or rule, a natural
19 healing arts practitioner or agent of the practitioner who does not
20 hold a license, permit, certification, or registration as a health
21 care professional issued by this state shall not be in violation of
22 any health care professional practice act or other law or rule if
23 that practitioner or agent provides care or treatment in compliance
24 with subsection D of this section and does not:

1 1. Falsely represent himself or herself as a licensed health
2 care professional as provided in Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

3 2. Fraudulently use any title or degree appertaining to the
4 licensed practice of a health care professional; or

5 3. Falsely claim any training, certification, or approval of
6 any organization that the individual does not have.

7 D. A natural healing arts practitioner shall be considered in
8 compliance with this section for natural healing arts care or
9 services of individuals if the practitioner does not:

10 1. Perform surgery, or any other procedure that harmfully
11 penetrates the body;

12 2. Set fractures;

13 3. Prescribe or administer X-ray or gamma ray radiation, or any
14 other radiation field harmful to the human body;

15 4. Prescribe or administer a prescription drug or device, or
16 any controlled dangerous substance prescribed by a health care
17 professional;

18 5. Recommend interruption or elimination of medications or
19 treatments;

20 6. Provide a medical disease diagnosis;

21 7. Perform a manipulation or a chiropractic adjustment of the
22 articulation of joints or the spine of any person;

23 8. State, advertise, or otherwise falsely represent to any
24 individual that the person is licensed by, certified by, or
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1 registered with the State of Oklahoma to practice as a health care
2 professional; or

3 9. Have a felony conviction of any crime involving the
4 intentional harm of another person or moral turpitude.

5 E. Any person who fails to comply with this section may be
6 remanded to any appropriate regulating body and subject to any
7 applicable penalties.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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