

HB 522 -- Naturopathic Physicians

Co-Sponsors: Dixon, Walker, Kingery, Wright, Wallace

This bill provides for the registration and licensure of doctors of naturopathic medicine. The bill:

- (1) Defines the terms related to naturopathic medicine;
- (2) Prohibits the practice of naturopathic medicine without being licensed;
- (3) Creates the Advisory Commission for Naturopathic Medicine;
- (4) Describes the appointment, duties, and powers of the commission;
- (5) Gives the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts the authority to adopt rules, give exams, collect fees, and employ personnel for the operation of the commission;
- (6) Requires all persons wishing to practice as naturopathic physicians to be examined by the board as to their fitness to practice;
- (7) Provides licensing exemptions to naturopathic physicians who are licensed to practice in another state;
- (8) Establishes certain criteria which must be met prior to making application with the board for licensure;
- (9) Exempts licensed health care professionals acting within the scope of their profession;
- (10) Requires continuing education as a condition for license renewal;
- (11) Gives the board authority to refuse to issue, suspend, and revoke licenses;
- (12) Requires the board to publish a quarterly list of licensees and disciplinary reports; and
- (13) Allows the board to bring disciplinary action against licensees before the Administrative Hearing Commission.