

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 1809

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Authorizing naturopaths to give direction to registered nurses.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Dyer and Dickerson).

**House Committee on Health Care**  
**Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care**

**Background:** Registered nurses and licensed practical nurses may work under the direction of a physician, a dentist, an osteopathic or podiatric physician or physician assistant, or an advanced nurse practitioner. The law does not, however, authorize registered nurses or licensed practical nurses to work under the direction of a naturopathic physician.

**Summary:** Registered nurses and licensed practical nurses are authorized to practice under the direction of a naturopathic physician, consistent with the nurses' scopes of practice. The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission is required to develop rules for nurses practicing under the direction of naturopathic physicians.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	98	0	
Senate	46	0	(Senate amended)
House	96	0	(House concurred)

**Effective:** August 1, 1996