

FINAL BILL REPORT

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Regarding naturopathic physicians.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Pflug, Keiser and Kohl-Welles).

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

Background: Naturopathic medicine practice involves diagnosing, treating, and preventing physical disorders by stimulating or supporting the natural processes of the human body. This practice can include manual manipulation, the use of nutrition and food science, physical modalities, homeopathy, naturopathic medicines, nondrug contraceptive devices, and common diagnostic procedures.

A naturopath using physical modalities uses physical, chemical, electrical, and other noninvasive modalities, including heat, cold, air, light, water, sound, massage, and therapeutic exercises.

Summary: The definition of physical modalities is modified by removing the limitation to noninvasive modalities. The practice of naturopathic medicine is expanded by removing the limitation to nondrug contraceptive devices.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	47	2
House	91	4

Effective: July 22, 2011.

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