

**SHB 1630 - H AMD 1050**

By Representative Cody

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

4 (1) Washington has a shortage of primary care services that poses  
5 a significant risk to public health resulting in increased human  
6 suffering and increased costs.

7 (2) Naturopaths, licensed under chapter 18.36A RCW since 1987 and  
8 chapter 18.36 RCW since 1919, are recognized as primary care  
9 providers in both statute and rule, and have served in this role for  
10 many years through private health plans, in apple health (medicaid),  
11 and with the Indian health service systems.

12 (3) In some areas, naturopaths are the only available health care  
13 providers. As such, they need authority for all appropriate primary  
14 care services consistent with their education and patient  
15 populations. This act supports better patient care, prevents  
16 duplication of services, reduces emergency department visits, and is  
17 more cost-effective for patients, health plans, and state agencies.

18 (4) The legislature first granted naturopaths limited  
19 prescriptive authority in 1987 and expanded this in 2005 to include  
20 all legend drugs and limited controlled substances in Schedules III  
21 through V of the uniform controlled substances act. This act is  
22 consistent with the findings of the 2014 sunrise review in which the  
23 department of health agreed with the health care authority arguments  
24 in support of a limited expansion of naturopathic prescriptive  
25 authority for controlled substances.

26 (5) This act recognizes the board of naturopathy, established by  
27 the legislature in 2011, and its role in rule making for  
28 determination of specific clinical parameters and educational  
29 requirements in the same manner as other boards and commissions with  
30 primary care authority.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.36A  
32 RCW to read as follows:

1 A naturopath may sign and attest to any certificates, cards,  
2 forms, or other required documentation that a physician may sign, so  
3 long as it is within the naturopath's scope of practice. This  
4 includes, but is not limited to, death certificates, guardianships,  
5 powers of attorney, disability determinations, and similar legal  
6 documents.

7 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.36A.020 and 2011 c 41 s 3 and 2011 c 40 s 1 are  
8 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

9 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
10 this section apply throughout this chapter.

11 (1) "Board" means the board of naturopathy created in RCW  
12 18.36A.150.

13 (2) "Common diagnostic procedures" means the use of venipuncture  
14 consistent with the practice of naturopathic medicine, commonly used  
15 diagnostic modalities consistent with naturopathic practice, health  
16 history taking, physical examination, radiography, examination of  
17 body orifices excluding endoscopy and colonoscopy, laboratory  
18 medicine, and obtaining samples of human tissues, but excluding  
19 incision or excision beyond that which is authorized as a minor  
20 office procedure.

21 (3) "Department" means the department of health.

22 (4) "Educational program" means an accredited program preparing  
23 persons for the practice of naturopathic medicine.

24 (5) "Homeopathy" means a system of medicine based on the use of  
25 infinitesimal doses of medicines capable of producing symptoms  
26 similar to those of the disease treated, as listed in the homeopathic  
27 pharmacopeia of the United States.

28 (6) "Hygiene and immunization" means the use of such preventative  
29 techniques as personal hygiene, asepsis, public health, and  
30 immunizations, to the extent allowed by rule.

31 (7) "Manual manipulation" or "mechanotherapy" means manipulation  
32 of a part or the whole of the body by hand or by mechanical means.

33 (8) "Minor office procedures" means primary care ((and)) services  
34 and procedures that pose minimal risk to the patient and can be  
35 safely performed in an office setting; procedures incident thereto of  
36 superficial lacerations, lesions, ~~((and abrasions))~~ minor injuries,  
37 and the removal of foreign bodies located in superficial structures,  
38 not to include the eye; and the use of antiseptics and topical or  
39 local anesthetics in connection therewith. "Minor office procedures"

1 also includes intramuscular, intravenous, subcutaneous, ((and))  
2 intradermal ((injections)), topical, and other routes of  
3 administration of substances consistent with the practice of  
4 naturopathic medicine and in accordance with rules established by the  
5 ((secretary)) board.

6 (9) "Naturopath" means an individual licensed under this chapter.

7 (10) "Naturopathic medicines" means vitamins; minerals; botanical  
8 medicines; homeopathic medicines; hormones; ((and)) those legend  
9 drugs and controlled substances consistent with naturopathic medical  
10 practice in accordance with rules established by the board; and other  
11 nutrients, compounds, and natural substances consistent with  
12 naturopathic medical practice. Controlled substances are limited to  
13 codeine and testosterone products that are contained in Schedules  
14 III, IV, and V in chapter 69.50 RCW.

15 (11) "Nutrition and food science" means the prevention and  
16 treatment of disease or other human conditions through the use of  
17 foods, water, herbs, roots, bark, or natural food elements.

18 (12) "Physical modalities" means use of physical, chemical,  
19 electrical, and other modalities ((that do not exceed those used as  
20 of July 22, 2011, in minor office procedures or common diagnostic  
21 procedures,)) including, but not limited to, heat, cold, air, light,  
22 water in any of its forms, sound, massage, durable medical equipment,  
23 and therapeutic exercise.

24 (13) "Radiography" means the ordering, but not the  
25 interpretation, of radiographic diagnostic and other imaging studies  
26 and the taking and interpretation of standard radiographs.

27 (14) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's  
28 designee.

29 (15) "Suggestion" means techniques including but not limited to  
30 counseling, biofeedback, and hypnosis.

31 **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.36A.040 and 2011 c 40 s 2 are each amended to  
32 read as follows:

33 Naturopathic medicine is the practice by naturopaths of the art  
34 and science of the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of disorders  
35 of the body by stimulation or support, or both, of the natural  
36 processes of the human body. A naturopath is responsible and  
37 accountable to the consumer for the quality of naturopathic care  
38 rendered and may only provide services that he or she is competent to  
39 perform based on his or her education, training, and experience.

1 The practice of naturopathic medicine includes manual  
2 manipulation (mechanotherapy), the prescription, administration,  
3 dispensing, and use, except for the treatment of malignancies, of  
4 nutrition and food science, physical modalities, minor office  
5 procedures, homeopathy, naturopathic medicines, hygiene and  
6 immunization, contraceptive devices, common diagnostic procedures,  
7 and suggestion; however, nothing in this chapter shall prohibit  
8 consultation and treatment of a patient in concert with a  
9 practitioner licensed under chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW. No person  
10 licensed under this chapter may employ the term "chiropractic" to  
11 describe any services provided by a naturopath under this chapter.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The board of naturopathy, in  
13 consultation with the pharmacy quality assurance commission and the  
14 Washington medical commission, shall adopt rules specifying the  
15 educational requirements for licensed naturopaths to prescribe and  
16 administer controlled substances and other requirements necessary for  
17 the responsible utilization of the additional prescriptive authority  
18 for controlled substances by licensed naturopaths.

19 (2) The board of naturopathy shall prepare request legislation  
20 granting licensed naturopaths prescriptive authority consistent with  
21 the board's rules for consideration in the legislative session  
22 following the completion of the rule-making process.

23 (3) Nothing in this section grants licensed naturopaths the  
24 authority to prescribe legend drugs or controlled substances outside  
25 of what is authorized under chapter 18.36A RCW."

26 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Removes provisions expanding the authority of naturopaths to prescribe legend drugs and controlled substances and restores current law regarding naturopathic prescribing. Requires the board of naturopathy to adopt rules specifying: (1) The educational requirements for naturopaths to prescribe and administer controlled substances; and (2) other requirements necessary for the responsible utilization of the additional prescriptive authority for controlled substances. Requires the board of naturopathy to prepare request legislation granting licensed naturopaths prescriptive authority consistent with the rules. Specifies that the rule-making authority does not expand licensed naturopaths' authority to prescribe legend drugs or controlled substances.

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