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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 220

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS LICENSING ACT; AMENDING SECTION 54-5101, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING SECTION 54-5102, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE DEFINITIONS AND TO REMOVE A DEFINITION; AMENDING SECTION 54-5103, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO LICENSE REQUIREMENTS AND TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSE RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING CHAPTER 51, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 54-5103A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A REGISTERED NATUROPATHIC PRACTITIONER, TO PROVIDE APPLICATION AND RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS FOR A REGISTERED NATUROPATHIC PRACTITIONER AND TO PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTERED NATUROPATHIC PRACTITIONERS; AMENDING SECTION 54-5104, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF A NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIAN; AMENDING SECTION 54-5105, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT A NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIAN SHALL NOT PERFORM CHIROPRACTIC ADJUSTMENTS OR PHYSICAL THERAPY UNLESS LICENSED TO DO SO; AMENDING SECTION 54-5106, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A CERTAIN EXEMPTION; AMENDING SECTION 54-5107, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO CERTAIN DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS; REPEALING SECTION 54-5108, IDAHO CODE, RELAT-ING TO THE BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS; AMENDING CHAPTER 51, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 54-5108, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF SUCH BOARD; AMENDING SECTION 54-5109, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS; AMENDING SECTION 54-5110, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE NATUROPATHIC MEDICAL FORMULARY COUNCIL AND THE FORMULARY LIST; AMENDING SECTION 54-5111, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO CERTAIN FEES; AMENDING SECTION 54-5112, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AS A NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIAN; AMENDING SECTION 54-5114, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS MAY CONDUCT CERTAIN HEARINGS TO DETERMINE WHETHER GROUNDS EXIST FOR SUSPENSION, REVOCATION OR DENIAL OF A REGISTRATION; AMENDING SECTION 54-5115, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO DISCIPLINARY AC-TION; AMENDING SECTION 54-5116, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN THE BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS PROPOSES TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTION RELATING TO A REGISTRATION, THERE SHALL BE OPPORTUNITY FOR A CERTAIN HEARING; AMENDING SECTION 54-5117, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO CERTAIN PENALTIES; REPEALING SECTION 54-5118, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO SEVERABILITY; AMENDING CHAPTER 51, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 54-5118, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION FOR LICENSING AND REGISTRATION; AMENDING CHAP-TER 51, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 54-5119, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS; AND RE-

1 PEALING CHAPTER 51, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE NATUROPATHIC 2 PHYSICIANS LICENSING ACT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EF-3 FECTIVE DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-5101, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-5101. LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE AND INTENT. It is the intent of the Idaho legislature that to regulate the practice of naturopathic medicine. Nhothing in this chapter will limit the decision in State v. Smith except to the extent that certain modalities of treatment shall require a license pursuant to this chapter. To that end it is not the intent of the legislature to regulate the practice of natural health care services as it is defined in this chapter, except as expressly provided herein.

SECTION 2. That Section 54-5102, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-5102. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter, the following terms have the meanings as stated:

- program of supervised resident study in naturopathic medicine approved by the board naturopathic medical education program in the United States or Canada that provides the degree of doctor of naturopathy or doctor of naturopathic medicine, that offers graduate level full-time didactic and supervised clinical training and is either accredited or has achieved candidacy status for accreditation by the council on naturopathic medical education (CNME) or an equivalent federally recognized accrediting body for naturopathic medical programs. Additionally, the program shall be an institution, or part of an institution, of higher education that is either accredited or is a candidate for accreditation by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States department of education.
- (2) "Board" means the board of naturopathic medical examiners created pursuant to section 54-5108, Idaho Code.
- (3) "Minor office procedures" means the methods for the repair and care incidental to superficial lacerations and abrasions, superficial lesions and the removal of foreign bodies located in the superficial tissues.
- (4) "Naturopathic medical formulary" means the list of prescription medicines which naturopathic physicians \underline{may} use in the practice of their profession, as determined by the formulary council and reviewed by the board.
- (5) "Naturopathic medical formulary council" means that council comprised of members appointed pursuant to this chapter to determine and authorize the formulary list.
- (6) "Naturopathic medicine" means a distinct and comprehensive system of primary health care practiced by naturopathic physicians. For the purpose of this chapter, naturopathic medicine does not include natural health care services as defined herein, however, nothing contained herein is intended to prohibit a naturopathic physician from providing natural health

care services The practice of naturopathic medicine is separate and distinct
from the providing of natural health care services.

- $(7\underline{6})$ "Naturopathic physician" and all titles defined in section $54-510\overline{3}$ (2), Idaho Code, means a person authorized and licensed to practice naturopathic medicine under this chapter.
- (87) "Natural health care services" means the broad domain of health care services and procedures, including diagnosis and treatment, where treatment or advice regarding the human body and its functions is administered by a person who:
 - (a) Does not use legend drugs or prescription drugs in such practice;
 - (b) Uses only natural elements including, without limitation, air, heat, water and light;
 - (c) Only uses class I or class II nonprescription, approved medical devices as defined in section 513 of the federal food, drug and cosmetic act;
 - (d) Only uses vitamins, minerals, herbs, natural food products and their extracts, nutritional supplements and homeopathic preparations and remedies not otherwise prohibited by law; and who
 - (e) Does not perform surgery.

- SECTION 3. That Section 54-5103, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-5103. LICENSE <u>AND LICENSE RENEWAL</u> REQUIRED. (1) No person shall hold himself or herself out to others as a naturopathic physician or practice naturopathic medicine <u>as defined herein</u> without first applying for and receiving a license. Persons who are not licensed pursuant to this chapter may provide natural health care services <u>as defined herein</u> pursuant to sections 54-5107 and 54-1804, Idaho Code.
- (2) A person holds himself or herself out to others as a naturopathic physician when the person adopts or uses any or all of the following designations: "naturopathic physician," "physician of naturopathic medicine," "physician of natural medicine," "doctor of naturopathic medicine," or its abbreviation "N.M.D." On and after July 1, 2013, a person holds himself or herself out to others as a naturopathic physician when the person adopts or uses the designations "doctor of naturopathy" or "naturopathic doctor" or its abbreviation "ND" and, on and after such date, such designations shall be restricted to describing and identifying licensed practitioners.
- (3) The titles and terms in subsection (2) of this section identify naturopathic physicians and are restricted to describing and identifying licensed practitioners. Nothing herein contained shall prohibit or restrict the right to use or employ the titles "doctor of naturopathy," "naturopathic doctor," or the designation "N.D." by a person who has:
 - (a) Received a doctor of naturopathy degree from a school, college or institution that is licensed, or exempt from licensure as a religious school, college or institution, by the appropriate state educational licensing agency in which its principal operations or offices are located;
 - (b) Completed a doctoral level course of study that includes coursework and practical experience, which may include apprenticeship, of at least

- eight hundred (800) hours, upon completion of which a doctor of naturopathy degree is conferred;
 - (c) Practiced as a doctor of naturopathy for twenty (20) years prior to the effective date of this chapter;
 - (d) Practiced as a doctor of naturopathy for at least five (5) years and received a doctor of naturopathy degree prior to the effective date of this chapter; or
 - (e) Received a license pursuant to this chapter.

- (4) No person who does not meet the criteria set forth in this section may use the titles and terms contained in subsection (3) of this section Licenses issued prior to July 1, 2009, shall terminate by law unless renewed before January 1, 2012. All licenses issued under this chapter shall be for a term of one (1) year and shall expire on the birthday of the licensee unless renewed in a manner prescribed by the rules of the board.
- SECTION 4. That Chapter 51, Title 54, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a $\underline{\text{NEW SECTION}}$, to be known and designated as Section 54-5103A, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:
- 54-5103A. REGISTERED NATUROPATHIC PRACTITIONER -- RENEWAL -- QUALIFICATIONS -- LIMITATIONS. (1) A person wishing to become a registered naturopathic practitioner must make application and pay the required registration fees before September 1, 2011. Registrations that are not renewed in a timely manner will be terminated without further notice to the registrant. All registrations issued under this chapter shall be for a term of one (1) year and shall expire on the birthday of the registrant unless renewed in a manner prescribed by the rules of the board.
- (2) To become a registered naturopathic practitioner, the applicant must have:
 - (a) Received a doctor of naturopathy degree from a school, college or institution that is licensed, or exempt from licensure as a religious school, college or institution, by the appropriate state educational licensing agency in which its principal operations or offices are located; or
 - (b) Completed a doctoral level course of study that includes coursework and practical experience, which may include apprenticeship, of at least eight hundred (800) hours, upon completion of which a doctor of naturopathy degree is conferred; or
 - (c) Practiced as a doctor of naturopathy for twenty (20) years prior to July 1, 2005; or
 - (d) Practiced as a doctor of naturopathy for at least five (5) years and received a doctor of naturopathy degree before July 1, 2005; and
 - (e) Been a full-time resident, as such term is defined in section 63-3013, Idaho Code, before January 1, 2011.
- (3) Registration under this section is required only of those individuals who desire to utilize the title or hold themselves out as being registered naturopathic practitioners.
- SECTION 5. That Section 54-5104, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 54-5104. SCOPE OF PRACTICE. (1) Diagnostic procedures. A naturo-pathic physician may use physical and laboratory examinations consistent with naturopathic medical education and training for diagnostic purposes. A naturopathic physician may order and perform diagnostic and imaging tests consistent with naturopathic medical education and training. All diagnostic and imaging tests not consistent with naturopathic medical education and training, must be referred for performance and interpretation by an appropriately licensed health care professional.
- (2) Naturopathic physicians are authorized to dispense, administer and prescribe prescription drugs and medical devices determined by the naturopathic medical formulary council, and authorized by the board.
- (3) A naturopathic physician may perform minor office procedures pursuant to privileges authorized by the board.
- (4) A naturopathic physician may perform those therapies as for which he or she has been trained and educated and authorized by the board which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter.
- SECTION 6. That Section 54-5105, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-5105. PROHIBITIONS. A naturopathic physician shall not:

- (1) Prescribe, dispense or administer any controlled substance or device identified under the controlled substance act, chapter 27, title 37, Idaho Code, or identified in the federal controlled substance act, 21 U.S.C. sections 801 through 971 (1988), as amended, except as authorized by this chapter;
- (2) Perform surgical procedures except those minor office procedures authorized by this chapter;
- (3) Practice or claim to practice as a medical doctor, osteopath, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, psychologist, advanced practice professional nurse, physician assistant, chiropractor, physical therapist, acupuncturist, or any other health care professional not authorized in this chapter unless licensed by the state of Idaho to do so;
 - (4) Use general or spinal anesthetics;
- (5) Administer ionizing radioactive substances for therapeutic purposes;
 - (6) Perform surgical procedures using a laser device;
 - (7) Induce or perform an abortion;

- (8) Perform surgical procedures involving the eye, ear, tendons, nerves, veins or arteries extending beyond superficial tissue;
- (9) Treat any lesion suspicious of malignancy or requiring surgical removal. Lesions suspicious of malignancy or requiring surgical removal shall be referred to an appropriately licensed health care professional. Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit treatment of a person with suspicious or malignant lesions in conjunction with a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 18, title 54, Idaho Code.
- (10) Perform chiropractic adjustments as defined in section 54-704, Idaho Code, unless licensed to do so.
- (11) Perform physical therapy as defined in section 54-2203, Idaho Code, unless licensed to do so.

SECTION 7. That Section 54-5106, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 54-5106. EXEMPTIONS. This chapter is not intended to and does not prohibit, restrict or apply to:
- (1) The practice of a profession by individuals who are licensed, certified or registered under other laws of this state and are performing services within the authorized scope of practice; or
- (2) The practice of naturopathic medicine by an individual employed by the federal government while the individual is engaged in the performance of duties prescribed by the laws and regulations of the United States; or
- (3) An individual rendering aid to a family member or in an emergency, when no fee or other consideration for the service is charged, received, expected or contemplated; or
- (4) A person engaged in the sale of vitamins, health foods, over the counter homeopathic products, dietary supplements, herbs, or other products of nature, the sale of which is not otherwise prohibited under state or federal law; or
- (5) A person engaged in good faith for religious reasons as a matter of conscience who does not receive a fee for such service; or
- (6) The practice by a naturopathic physician duly licensed in another state, territory or the District of Columbia when that naturopathic physician is incidentally called into this state for consultation with a licensed physician; or
- (7) The practice of naturopathic medicine by students enrolled in an approved naturopathic medical program. Services shall be performed pursuant to a course of instruction or assignments from an instructor and under the supervision and observation of the instructor; or
 - (8) Those who practice massage therapy; or

- (9) The practice and providing of natural health care services as defined herein in compliance with sections 54-5107 and 54-1804, Idaho Code, by a person who is not licensed, certified or registered in this state as a health care professional or practitioner.
- SECTION 8. That Section 54-5107, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-5107. DISCLOSURE BY THOSE PROVIDING NATURAL HEALTH CARE SER-VICES. (1) Any person providing natural health care services who is not a naturopathic physician or a registered naturopathic practitioner and who is advertising or charging a fee for those services, shall, prior to providing such services, disclose to the client in a clearly worded statement:
 - (a) The practitioner's name, business address and telephone number;
 - (b) The nature of the natural health care services to be provided;
 - (c) That the practitioner is not an "M.D.," "D.O.," or "N.M.D.," "naturopathic physician," "naturopathic doctor" or "N.D."
- (2) Before a practitioner provides natural health care services to a client for the first time, such practitioner must obtain a written acknowledgment from the client stating that he or she has been provided with the information described in this section and that he or she recognizes that the practitioner is not licensed to practice medicine, surgery or naturopathic

medicine. The client shall be provided with a copy of this written acknowledgment which must be maintained for two (2) years by the person providing the services. If the disclosure information changes, then the practitioner has a duty to shall repeat the disclosure if before a client obtains services after the change.

 SECTION 9. That Section $\underline{54-5108}$, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. That Chapter 51, Title 54, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a $\underline{\text{NEW SECTION}}$, to be known and designated as Section 54-5108, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

- 54-5108. BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS. (1) There is hereby established in the department of self-governing agencies the board of naturopathic medical examiners. The bureau of occupational licenses may contract with the board of naturopathic medical examiners to provide services to the board.
- (2) The board shall consist of three (3) members, two (2) of whom shall be licensed pursuant to this chapter and one (1) of whom shall be a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 18, title 54, Idaho Code. If this chapter is renewed by the legislature, then the board shall consist of three (3) members who shall each be licensed pursuant to this chapter on and after July 1, 2016.
- (3) One (1) member of the initial board shall be appointed for a one (1) year term of office, one (1) member of the initial board shall be appointed for a two (2) year term of office and one (1) member of the initial board shall be appointed for a three (3) year term of office. Thereafter, the term of office for each member shall be three (3) years. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.
- (4) Appointments to the board shall be made by the governor. In the event of death, resignation or removal of any member before the expiration of the term to which appointed, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as the original appointment. The appointment of a physician licensed under chapter 18, title 54, Idaho Code, shall be made from a list of at least three (3) nominees submitted to the governor by the Idaho medical association.
- (5) The members of the board who are naturopathic physicians shall be licensed pursuant to this chapter, shall practice within the state of Idaho for the duration of their appointment and shall have been practitioners within the state of Idaho for a minimum of two (2) years immediately preceding appointment.
- (6) The initial naturopathic physician members of the board shall be persons with at least two (2) years of experience in the practice of naturopathic medicine who are eligible to become licensed pursuant to this chapter.
- (7) The board, within thirty (30) days after its appointment, and at least annually thereafter, shall hold a meeting and elect a chairman. The board may hold additional meetings at the call of the chairman or at the written request of any two (2) members of the board. The board may appoint such committees as it considers necessary to carry out its duties. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 11. That Section 54-5109, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-5109. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD. The board shall have the authority to:

- (1) Determine the qualifications of persons applying for licensure pursuant to this chapter and define, by rule, the appropriate scope of naturopathic medicine in this state, provided however, that the scope of practice may not exceed that defined in section 54-5104, Idaho Code Receive applications of persons applying for licensure or registration, issue licenses and registrations to those applicants who qualify under this chapter and renew, suspend, revoke and reinstate licenses and registrations;
- (2) Grant a special competency certificate for naturopathic childbirth attendance to those licensees who apply, provided that such applicant can document training and experience equal to or greater than that required by the rules of the Idaho board of nursing, pursuant to section 54-1404, Idaho Code. The applicant shall hold hospital privileges and perform such procedures under the supervision of a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 18, title 54, Idaho Code:
- (3) Establish special competency certification requirements for licensees as deemed necessary by action of the board;
- (43) Adopt Promulgate rules for the defined scope of practice for licensees;
- (54) Hire and appoint employees, including an executive director, investigators, attorneys, consultants and independent hearing examiners;
- (65) Adopt Promulgate such rules as are necessary for the administration of this chapter, including standards of professional conduct;
- (76) <u>Investigate complaints</u>, conduct investigations and examinations and hold hearings when appropriate;
 - (87) Collect fees and other funds as prescribed by this chapter;
- (9) Provide a uniform, independently proctored and psychometrically valid examination for use in licensing naturopathic physicians, which will adequately test the applicant's knowledge of naturopathic medicine, including the basic medical sciences and the diagnostic and therapeutic skill of license applicants.
- (108) Provide such other services and perform such other functions as are necessary and desirable to fulfill its purposes;
- (11) Establish by rule examination standards for licensure and when those examinations will be provided;
- $(\frac{129}{})$ Establish a minimum amount and kind of continuing education to be required annually for each naturopathic physician seeking licensure renewal.
- (10) Undertake, when appropriate, disciplinary proceedings and disciplinary action against persons licensed or registered under this chapter.
- SECTION 12. That Section 54-5110, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-5110. NATUROPATHIC MEDICAL FORMULARY COUNCIL ESTABLISHED. There is hereby established a naturopathic medical formulary council, which is separate and distinct from the board, to be composed of seven (7) members.

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Two (2) members shall be naturopathic physicians licensed under this chapter, appointed by the board of naturopathic medical examiners. Three Two $(\frac{3}{2})$ members shall be pharmacists licensed under chapter 17, title 54, Idaho Code, appointed by the board of naturopathic medical examiners from a list of nominees provided by the Idaho state board of pharmacy. Two Three (23) members shall be physicians licensed under chapter 18, title 54, Idaho Code, appointed by the board of naturopathic medical examiners from a list of nominees provided by the Idaho state board of medicine medical association. The initial council shall be appointed as follows: One (1) naturopathic physician licensed under this act shall be appointed for a one (1) year term; one (1) physician licensed under chapter 18, title 54, Idaho Code, and one (1) pharmacist shall be appointed for a two (2) year term; and two one (21) pharmacists, one (1) naturopathic physician licensed under this act and one two (12) physicians licensed under chapter 18, title 54, Idaho Code, shall be appointed for a three (3) year term. Thereafter, the term of office shall be three (3) years. A quorum shall consist of five (5) members and shall be required for any vote to be taken. It shall be the duty of the naturopathic medical formulary council to establish a formulary for use by naturopathic physicians. - and i Immediately upon adoption or revision of the formulary, the council shall transmit the approved formulary to the board, which shall adopt the formulary by temporary rule. The formulary adopted by the formulary council may condition the use of certain medicines and devices upon the satisfaction of requirements for certification as adopted by the board. The formulary will shall be reviewed annually by the council, or at any time at the request of the board. The formulary list shall be based upon naturopathic medical education, training and continuing education, but may not go beyond the scope of prescription medicines and medical devices covered by approved naturopathic medical education and training and existing naturopathic medical formularies, or board-approved continuing education. The naturopathic medical formulary shall not include medicines and devices that are inconsistent with the training provided by approved naturopathic medical colleges programs and continuing education. Nothing herein in this section shall allow a naturopathic physician to dispense, administer or prescribe any prescription drug as defined in section 54-1705(30), Idaho Code, or medical device unless such prescription drug or medical device is specifically included in the naturopathic medical formulary.

SECTION 13. That Section 54-5111, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

of occupational licenses and the board, aAll fees received under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid to the department of self-governing agencies, bureau of occupational licenses, and deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the occupational licenses fund. All costs and expenses incurred under the provisions of this chapter shall be a charge against and paid from said fund as provided for in a written agreement between the bureau of occupational licenses and the board. In no case shall any salary, expense or other obligation of the board be charged against the general fund.

(2) The <u>licensure</u> fee for <u>licensure</u> naturopathic physicians shall not exceed five hundred be one thousand dollars (\$51,000). The annual renewal fee for such licensure shall be seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750).

- (3) The registration fee for registered naturopathic practitioners shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). The annual renewal fee for such registration shall be two hundred dollars (\$200).
- (4) If an applicant has paid an application and/or licensing fee as required by law, and no action has been taken on such application, then such applicant may reapply for licensure or registration under this chapter without charge of an initial fee.
- SECTION 14. That Section 54-5112, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-5112. QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE. (1) The board may issue licenses to eligible applicants. To be eligible for to receive or to renew a license to practice as a naturopathic physician in the state of Idaho, the applicant shall:
 - $(\frac{1}{a})$ Provide proof, on a form provided by the board, of completion of an approved naturopathic medical program approved by the board, except as provided in subsection (2) of this section;
 - (2b) Have Provide proof of having passed a competency-based examination approved by the board covering basic medical sciences and the diagnostic and clinical sciences consistent with the education, training and practice of naturopathic medicine. Such examination shall include, but not be limited to, exams in anatomy, biochemistry, microbiology, immunology, pathology, physiology, naturopathic philosophy and principles, physical and clinical diagnosis, lab diagnosis, diagnostic imaging, botanical medicine, naturopathic physical medicine, and nutrition the naturopathic physicians licensing examination (NPLEX) administered by the North American board of naturopathic examiners, except as provided in subsection (2) of this section;
 - (3c) Applicants may be required to sS it for a personal interview by the board, if requested to do so by the board, to specifically review the applicant's qualifications, professional credentials, knowledge, and skills pertaining to the practice of naturopathic medicine;
 - (4d) Possess a good, ethical and professional reputation;
 - $(\underline{5e})$ Be physically and mentally capable of safely practicing naturo-pathic medicine with or without reasonable accommodation;
 - $(\underline{6f})$ Have never had a license to practice naturopathic medicine or other health care license, registration or certificate refused, revoked or suspended by any other state or country for reasons that relate to the applicant's ability to skillfully and safely practice naturopathic medicine, or other health care profession unless that license, registration or certification has been restored to good standing by that state or country;
 - (7g) All licensed naturopathic physicians shall have on file with the board a board-approved disclosure form stating the degrees, training, experience, credentials and the health care services they are the applicant is board approved to provide; and
 - $(\frac{8}{1})$ File a board-approved application and pay the licensing fees.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of this section, an applicant shall be deemed to be eligible for a license to practice as a naturopathic physician in the state of Idaho if the application documents, and the applicant provides proof that, the applicant:

- (a) Graduated before 1990 from a college or university in the United States or Canada that offered a full-time structured curriculum in basic sciences and supervised patient care comprising a doctoral naturopathic medical education as a prerequisite to graduation therefrom, having been not less than one hundred thirty-two (132) weeks in duration and that required completion within a period of not less than thirty-five (35) months and, if still in existence, has current programmatic accreditation by the CNME or a federally recognized successor accrediting agency; and
- (b) Successfully passed a board-approved state naturopathic licensure examination or Canadian provincial examination; or
- (c) Meets the residency requirements set forth in section 63-3013, Idaho Code, and maintained a naturopathic practice in Idaho before January 1, 2011.
- SECTION 15. That Section 54-5114, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-5114. INVESTIGATION -- HEARING -- SUBPOENA. (1) The board shall be empowered to investigate, or cause to be investigated, all complaints regarding any conduct prohibited by this chapter.
- (2) The board may conduct hearings to assist with investigations, to determine whether grounds exist for suspension, revocation or denial of a license or registration or to fulfill its responsibilities under this chapter as the board determines necessary.
- (3) The board may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths in any hearing or disciplinary proceeding and compel, by subpoena duces tecum, the production of papers and records.
- SECTION 16. That Section 54-5115, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-5115. DISCIPLINARY ACTION. The board may suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew a license or registration on any of the following grounds:
- (1) The employment of fraud or deceit in obtaining a license $\underline{\text{or reg-}}$ $\underline{\text{istration}}$ under this chapter or in connection with services rendered as a naturopathic physician;
 - (2) A legal finding of mental incompetence;
- (3) Aiding or abetting a person, not duly licensed under this chapter, in claiming to be a naturopathic physician or in practicing naturopathic medicine;
- (4) Any negligence, incompetence or misconduct in the performance of naturopathic medicine or natural health care services;
- (5) Conviction of any crime involving moral turpitude or the entering of a plea of guilty or the finding of guilt by a jury or court of a commission of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude;

(6) Practicing as a naturopathic physician <u>or providing natural health</u> care services as a registered naturopathic practitioner when physical or mental abilities are impaired by the use of controlled substances or other drugs, chemicals or alcohol;

- (7) Failure of the individual practitioner to maintain his or her professional premises in a clean and sanitary condition;
- (8) Any other good cause, relevant to qualifications to practice as a naturopathic physician. The board may not suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew a license based on the findings that a licensee's practice is unconventional in the absence of demonstrable harm to a patient and the patient has signed a waiver to the effect that the treatment or device is considered unconventional.
- (9) Failure to demonstrate compliance with continuing education requirements as determined by the board.
- SECTION 17. That Section 54-5116, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-5116. LICENSE <u>OR REGISTRATION</u> DENIAL OR REVOCATION PROCEDURE. When the board proposes to refuse to issue or renew a license <u>or registration</u>, or proposes to revoke or suspend a license <u>or registration</u>, opportunity for a hearing shall be pursuant to the provisions of chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code.
- SECTION 18. That Section 54-5117, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-5117. ENFORCEMENT PENALTIES. (1) Every person who knowingly holds himself or herself out as a naturopathic physician or who practices naturopathic medicine as defined herein in this state without a license, or who holds himself or herself out as a naturopathic practitioner without a registration, is guilty of a misdemeanor. A person convicted of a second or subsequent offense shall be guilty of a felony and shall be imprisoned in the state prison for a period not to exceed five (5) years, or shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or shall be punished by both such fine and imprisonment. Nothing herein contained shall regulate, restrict, or prohibit the practice of naturopathy or any naturopathic health care treatment, therapy, or modality, unregulated or permitted by law prior to July 1, 2005, except to the extent that such specific treatment, therapy, or modality, is enumerated herein and requires a license hereunder.
- (2) Provided If the board determines in good faith that a person is providing services or holding himself or herself out as a registered naturopathic practitioner or practicing or holding out as a naturopathic physician, practicing naturopathic medicine as defined herein or using a title or term set forth in section 54-5103(3), Idaho Code, in violation of this chapter, or impermissibly utilizing a title or term regulated in this chapter, then the board may seek an injunction, provided it has given thirty (30) days' prior written notice to cease and desist against any person who does not comply with such notice and who holds himself or herself out as a naturopathic physician, in violation of this chapter and may, in the event a

permanent injunction is entered against such person be entitled to all costs
and fees incurred by the board in seeking the injunction.

 SECTION 19. That Section 54-5118, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 20. That Chapter 51, Title 54, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a $\underline{\text{NEW SECTION}}$, to be known and designated as Section 54-5118, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

54-5118. EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION FOR LICENSING AND REGISTRATION. This chapter vests exclusive jurisdiction and authority in the board to license persons to practice naturopathic medicine as licensed naturopathic physicians and to register persons as registered naturopathic practitioners in the state of Idaho. Counties and cities are prohibited from exercising such jurisdiction.

SECTION 21. That Chapter 51, Title 54, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a <u>NEW SECTION</u>, to be known and designated as Section 54-5119, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

54-5119. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this chapter are hereby declared to be severable and if any provision of this chapter or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance is declared invalid for any reason, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this chapter.

SECTION 22. The Board of Naturopathic Medical Examiners shall report on the status of the board and the practice of naturopathic medicine in Idaho to the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature in 2016.

SECTION 23. That Chapter 51, Title 54, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 24. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after passage and approval. Section 23 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2011.