

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this legislation is to attempt to resolve the problems of the Naturopathic Licensure Act that was passed in 2005, that has never been properly administered.

Problem: The standards (rules) for licensure were never established.

Resolution: This legislation clearly defines the qualifications for licensure, by requiring graduation from an accredited naturopathic school and passage of the national exam.

Problem: No Grandfather provision.

Resolution: This legislation clearly defines a grandfather provision for those who graduated from a naturopath school before there either were accreditation standards for schools, or a national exam.

Problem: The title "naturopathic doctor" is allowed for those who are not licensed, this has become very confusing to the public, and of great concern to those involved in the process.

Resolution: The title "naturopathic doctor" is allowed for 2 years to give those who desire time to get additional training to become licensed, and those who do not desire to be licensed to become "registered naturopathic practitioners".

Problem: Lawsuit, there are those that have applied for licensure, yet never had their applications processed, or their money refunded.

Resolution: Those who have applied would be allowed to apply for licensure or registration under the act, and not have to pay a fee.

FISCAL NOTE

Unknown.

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