



Idaho Statutes

TITLE 54 PROFESSIONS, VOCATIONS, AND BUSINESSES

CHAPTER 51 NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS LICENSING ACT

54-5108. BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS. (1) There is hereby established in the department of self-governing agencies, bureau of occupational licenses, the board of naturopathic medical examiners.

(2) The board shall consist of five (5) members, four (4) of whom shall be licensed pursuant to this chapter and one (1) of whom shall be a member of the public with an interest in the rights of consumers of naturopathic physician services.

(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, one (1) member of the initial board shall be appointed for a three (3) year term of office, one (1) member shall be appointed for a four (4) year term of office, and one (1) member of the initial board shall be appointed for a five (5) year term of office. Thereafter, the term of office for each member shall be five (5) years. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

(4) Appointments to the board shall be made by the governor. Prior to the expiration of the regular term of a member of the board or upon the occurrence of declaration of a vacancy in the membership of the board, the governor shall notify in writing the Idaho association of naturopathic physicians and the Idaho chapter of the American association of naturopathic physicians thereof, and each association shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, nominate one (1) or more qualified persons to fill such vacancy and shall forthwith forward the nominations to the governor, who shall thereupon appoint from such nominees, the person to be a member of the board to fill such vacancy.

(5) The four (4) members of the board who are naturopathic physicians shall be licensed pursuant to this chapter, practicing 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 four (4) licensed 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. 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.

(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 on the call of the chair or at the written request of any two (2) members of the board. The board may appoint

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such committees as it considers necessary to carry out its duties. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum.

History:

[54-5108, added 2005, ch. 329, sec. 1, p. 1030; am. 2008, ch. 406, sec. 1, p. 1115.]

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54-5601. LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE AND INTENT. It is the intent of the Idaho

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legislature to regulate the practice of naturopathic medicine. Nothing in

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this chapter will limit the decision in State v. Smith, 81 Idaho 103, 337

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P.2d 938, except to the extent that certain modalities of treatment shall

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require a license pursuant to this chapter. Furthermore, it is not the in-

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tent of this chapter to prohibit the use of the term "doctor" nor to limit the

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practice of naturopathy as explained in State v. Smith.

28 54-5608. QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE. To be eligible for a license to
29 practice as a naturopathic physician in the state of Idaho, the applicant
30 shall submit an application, pay the fee and fulfill the following require-
31 ments:

32 (1) Education.

33 (a) The applicant must be a graduate of an approved naturopathic medi-
34 cal program as defined in section 54-5602(1), Idaho code; or

35 (b) The applicant must be a graduate of a college or university in the
36 United States or Canada, prior to September 1, 1991, that is still in
37 existence and that offered a full-time structured curriculum in basic
38 sciences and supervised patient care comprising a doctoral naturo-
39 pathic medical education as a prerequisite to graduation, having been
40 not less than one hundred thirty-two (132) weeks in duration and that
41 required completion within a period of not less than thirty-five (35)
42 months and have been continually practicing for five (5) years immedi-
43 ately preceding licensure.

44 (2) Examination. Applicants who meet the qualifications of subsection
45 (1) (a) of this section and all applicants after July 1, 2016, shall provide
46 proof of having received a passing grade on the naturopathic physicians li-
47 censing examinations (NPLEX), administered by the North American board of
48 naturopathic examiners (NABNE). The passing grade for each specific exami-
49 nation administration shall be as determined by the NABNE.

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26 54-5605. NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIAN LICENSE REQUIRED. (1) A license shall
27 be required for a person to engage in the practice of naturopathic medicine.

28 (2) No person shall assume or use the title or designation "doctor" or
29 "physician" in association with the practice of naturopathic medicine, or
30 the abbreviations "NMD" or "ND" or any other title, designations, words,
31 letters, abbreviations, sign, card or device to indicate to the public that
32 such person is licensed to practice naturopathic medicine pursuant to this
33 chapter unless such person is so licensed under this chapter or allowed under
34 section 54-5103, Idaho code.

35 (3) Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit the use of the term "doctor"
36 or "physician" by a person defined or licensed as such pursuant to title 54,
37 Idaho Code.