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HB 326 - Naturopaths; Licensing Sectional Analysis

Section 1 – AS 08.02.010(a) Professional Identification (amended section)

Requires naturopathic practitioners to use appropriate letters, title and specialist designations

Section 2 – AS 08.45.030 Issuance of Licenses (amended section)

- Establishes that, to be issued a license, an applicant must be of good moral character, have graduated from an accredited naturopathic college and have passed a licensing examination.
- Removes outdated language requiring that to be issued a license to practice naturopathy in Alaska, if an individual graduated before 1988, they must also have been issued a license to practice in another state previously.

Section 3 - AS 08.45.035(a) Temporary Licenses (amended section)

Allows the department to issue a temporary license to a naturopath if they are signed up to take licensing exams at the next available date after the date of the application and has not previously failed the licensing exam.

Section 4 – AS 08.45.045 Practice of Naturopathy (a new section)

- Allows naturopaths to practice within the scope of their education and training.
- Allows naturopaths to prescribe natural and therapeutic substances, natural therapies, contraceptive devices and drugs, excluding most controlled substances.
- Allows naturopaths to perform minor surgeries and perform or order diagnostic procedures
- Defines “naturopathic physical application”

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- **Section 5 – AS 08.45.050 Restrictions on Practice of Naturopathy (amended section)**
- Removes prohibition for prescribing drugs and performing minor surgeries
- Prohibits naturopaths from giving, recommending or prescribing cancer drugs and controlled substances

Section 6 – AS 08.45.050 Controlled Substance Exceptions (new subsection)

Allows naturopaths to give, recommend or prescribe testosterone and zolpidem (Ambien)

Section 7 – AS 08.45 Public Health Duties and License Renewal (2 new sections)

- Imposes same public health duties on Naturopaths as other physicians (08.45.053)
- Requires naturopaths to complete 24 hours of continuing education every two years for license to be renewed (08.45.057)

Section 8 – AS 08.45.200(3) Naturopathy (repealed and reenacted)

Repeals and replaces definition for “naturopathy”

Section 9 – AS 08.45.200 \Naturopathic Medical School Approval (new paragraphs added)

Defines “approved naturopathic medical school” and “naturopath”

Section 10 - Transitional Language

Transitional language allowing currently licensed naturopaths to practice under the new law

Section 11 - Transitional Regulations

Allows the Department to adopt transitional regulations immediately following passage and prior to the bill’s effective date.

Section 12

Establishes immediate effective date for transitional regulations.

Section 13

Establishes effective date for other provisions in January

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