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## CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 175(L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION  
THE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

**Offered:**  
**Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS MCGUIRE, Ellis, Davis, Giessel, Dyson, Huggins, Thomas, Wagoner, Stevens**

**A BILL**

## FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

**"An Act relating to the practice of naturopathy; and providing for an effective date."**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

**\* Section 1.** AS 08.45.050 is amended to read:

**Sec. 08.45.050. Restrictions on practice of naturopathy.** A person who practices naturopathy may not

(1) give, prescribe, or recommend in the practice

(A) a prescription drug, except as provided in (b) of this

(B) a controlled substance;

(C) a poison;

(2) engage in surgery;

(3) use the word "physician" in the person's title.

\* **Sec. 2.** AS 08.45.050 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(b) Notwithstanding (a)(1)(A) of this section, a person who practices naturopathy may give, prescribe, or recommend in the practice a device or, in a form

1       that is not a controlled substance, an herbal or homeopathic remedy, a dietetic remedy,  
2       or hydrotherapy.

3           (c) In this section,

4               (1) "dietetic remedy" means nutritional therapy, nutritional counseling,  
5       a nutritional substance, vitamins, minerals, or supplements to promote health and to  
6       diagnose, treat, or prevent disease, illness, or conditions;

7               (2) "herbal remedy" means a substance derived from or a concentrate  
8       or extract of a plant, tree, root, moss, or fungus;

9               (3) "homeopathic remedy" means a remedy defined in the current  
10      version of Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States;

11               (4) "hydrotherapy" means the use of water in all forms and  
12       temperatures to promote health and to diagnose, treat, and prevent disease, illness, and  
13       conditions.

14       \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).