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HB 115 Naturopathic Licensing/Practice Additional Authority and Responsibilities

HB 115 Additional Responsibilities Imposed on Naturopathic Doctors

- Ability to prescribe just as MDs, DOs, NPs and PAs do to support provision of primary medical care. This authorization includes vaccines, devices for contraception, prescription drugs except for cancer chemotherapeutic agents or controlled substances.
- Ability to perform office procedures for the repair and care of superficial lacerations, abrasions, and lesions and removal of foreign bodies located in the superficial tissues of the human body. Language in the bill specifically prohibits procedures involving general or spinal anaesthetics, major surgery, surgery of the body cavities, plastic surgery, surgery involving the eyes, or surgery involving tendons, ligaments, nerves, or blood vessels.
- Ability to order for diagnostic purposes a physical or official examination, imaging, phlebotomy, a clinical laboratory test or examination, or a physiological function test.

HB 115 Additional Responsibilities Imposed on Naturopathic Doctors

- Required to submit fingerprints for a criminal background check just like other medical professionals in Alaska.
- Required to use appropriate letter or title on signs, stationery, or advertisements same as other medical professionals in Alaska.
- Required to show proof of passing a pharmaceutical examination equivalent to that passed by other prescribing medical professionals in Alaska required under AS 08.64.210 or 220.
- Required to show proof of completion of continuing education requirement like other medical professionals in Alaska required at AS 08.64.312.
- Will be subject to periodic re-licensure.
- Will be subject to the same duty as physicians licensed under AS 08.64 regarding public health laws, reportable diseases and conditions, communicable disease control and prevention, recording of vital statistics, health and physical examinations, and municipal boards of health.

- Required to report other NDs they treat for alcoholism, drug addiction, or for mental, emotional or personality disorders just as other medical professional are required under AS 08.64.336
- Required to report serious burns, bullet wounds or other wounds caused by discharge of a firearm, an injury caused by a knife, axe or other sharp instrument or an injury likely to cause death just as other medical professionals are required at AS 08.64.369.
- Will be subject to license forfeiture for felony convictions, crimes involving the unlawful procurement, sale or prescription of drugs, sexual misconduct, demonstrated professional incompetence or has violated a code of ethics adopted by regulation. These requirements are similar those in place for other medical professionals at AS 08.64.326 - 331.
- Will be subject to automatic suspension for mental incompetency just as other medical professionals are at AS 08.64.332.
- Required to submit to medical and psychiatric examinations, and drug and alcohol tests the department may require as required by other medical professionals under AS 08.64.338.
- Required to report the department the outcome of any medical malpractice claim or civil action resulting in damages being paid. This is like other licensed medical professionals in AK.