



Alaska State Legislature

Representative Jennifer Johnston – House District 28

HOUSE BILL 91

SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

Section 1 – AS 08.02.010(a) Professional designation requirements. (Amended)

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

Section 2 – AS 08.45.030 Issuance of license. (Amended)

- 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- Removes outdated language requiring that to be issued a license to practice naturopathy in Alaska, if an individual graduated before 1988, they must also have been issued a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)

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 have not previously failed the licensing exam.

Section 4 – AS 08.45.045 Practice of naturopathy. (New section)

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

Section 5 – AS 08.45.050 Restrictions on practice of naturopathy. (Amended)

- Removes prohibition for prescribing drugs, performing minor surgeries, and using the word “physician” in titles
- Prohibits naturopaths from giving, recommending or prescribing cancer drugs and controlled substances

Section 6 – AS 08.45.053 & 08.45.057 Public health duties and renewal of license. (New sections)

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

Section 7 – AS 08.45.200(3) Definitions. (Repealed and reenacted)

Repeals and replaces definition for “naturopathy”

Section 8 – AS 08.45.200(4) & (5) Definitions. (New paragraphs)

Defines “approved naturopathic medical school” and “naturopath”

Section 9 – Transitional Language (Uncodified law)

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

Section 10 – Transitional Regulations (Uncodified law)

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

Section 11 – Effective date. (Uncodified law)

Establishes immediate effective date for section 10

Section 12 – Effective date. (Uncodified law)

Establishes effective date for sections 1 - 9 as January 1, 2020