

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE
TO: HB 115

BY REPRESENTATIVE RUFFRIDGE

Page 1, line 1:

Delete "**Advisory**"

Page 2, line 16:

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Page 2, lines 18 - 21:

Delete all material.

Reletter the following subsections accordingly.

Page 2, lines 22 - 23:

Delete "and serve at the pleasure of the commissioner"

Insert "the governor"

Page 2, lines 29 - 30:

Delete all material.

Page 6, lines 15 - 17:

Delete all material and insert:

"(E) drugs under a collaborative agreement adopted under
AS 08.45.057, except as prohibited under AS 08.45.050, if the naturopath has

1 passed the elective pharmacology examination portion of the Naturopathic
2 Physicians Licensing Examination;"

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4 Page 7, line 4, following "(1)":

5 Insert "**notwithstanding AS 08.45.057,**"

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7 Page 8, following line 17:

8 Insert a new section to read:

9 **"Sec. 08.45.057. Naturopath collaborative practice authority.** (a) The State
10 Medical Board and the Naturopathy Board may jointly approve a collaborative
11 agreement between a naturopath and an authorizing health care provider who is
12 authorized to prescribe drugs under AS 08 if the agreement meets the requirements of
13 (b) of this section and the agreement is submitted to both boards.

14 (b) A collaborative agreement must include

15 (1) an authorization by the authorizing health care provider for the
16 naturopath to initiate or modify drug therapy in accordance with the terms of the
17 collaborative agreement;

18 (2) a statement identifying each health care provider and naturopath
19 who is a party to the collaborative agreement;

20 (3) the time period of the collaborative agreement, not to exceed two
21 years;

22 (4) the types of decisions that a naturopath is authorized to make,
23 including

24 (A) the types of diseases a naturopath may treat, the types of
25 drugs or drug categories that the naturopath may administer or dispense, and
26 the types of care decisions the naturopath may make; and

27 (B) procedures, decision criteria, or plans a naturopath must
28 follow when making therapeutic decisions;

29 (5) activities a naturopath must follow in the course of exercising
30 collaborative authority, including documenting decisions made by the naturopath, and
31 a plan for communicating with and receiving feedback from the authorizing health

1 care provider concerning specific decisions made by the naturopath;

2 (6) a list of the specific types of patients eligible to receive services
3 under the collaborative agreement;

4 (7) a plan for the authorizing health care provider to review the
5 decisions made by the naturopath at least once every three months;

6 (8) a plan for providing the authorizing health care provider with each
7 patient record created under the collaborative agreement;

8 (9) a prohibition on the administration or dispensing of a schedule I, II,
9 III, or IV controlled substance by a naturopath; and

10 (10) an acknowledgment that the authorizing health care provider will
11 not receive any compensation from a naturopath as a result of the care or treatment of
12 a patient under the collaborative agreement.

13 (c) To enter into a collaborative agreement under this section, an authorized
14 health care provider must be licensed and in active practice, and the authority granted
15 to the naturopath under the collaborative agreement must be within the scope of the
16 health care provider's license and practice.

17 (d) Before approving a collaborative agreement, the State Medical Board and
18 the Naturopathy Board shall ensure that the naturopath has been adequately trained in
19 the procedures outlined in the collaborative agreement. If the naturopath is not
20 adequately trained, the boards shall specify and require completion of additional
21 training that covers those procedures before issuing approval of the collaborative
22 agreement.

23 (e) The State Medical Board and the Naturopathy Board shall maintain
24 documentation related to a collaborative agreement for at least two years.

25 (f) A collaborative agreement may be terminated upon written notice by the
26 authorizing health care provider or the naturopath. The naturopath shall notify the
27 State Medical Board and the Naturopathy Board in writing within 30 days after the
28 collaborative agreement is terminated.

29 (g) Any modification to a collaborative agreement must be jointly approved
30 by the State Medical Board and the Naturopathy Board as required by this section for
31 a new collaborative agreement.

- 1 (h) A signed copy of the approved collaborative agreement must remain at the
- 2 naturopath's practice location at all times."