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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 297
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the practice of naturopathy and
7 exempting the practice of naturopathy from the
8 practice of medicine."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 08 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

11 CHAPTER 45. NATUROPATHS.

12 Sec. 08.45.010. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRACTICE OF NATUROPATHY. A
13 person may not practice naturopathy in the state unless the person has

14 (1) completed 120 semester hours, or the equivalent, of
15 course work at a college or university;

16 (2) received a degree from a school of naturopathy that
17 required four years of attendance at the school; and

18 (3) received a license to practice naturopathy from another
19 state or a province of Canada.

20 Sec. 08.45.020. DISCLOSURE. A person who practices naturopathy
21 shall clearly disclose that the person's training and practice is in
22 naturopathy

23 (1) to each patient; and

24 (2) on all material used in the practice of naturopathy and
25 made available to patients or to the public.

26 Sec. 08.45.030. RESTRICTIONS ON PRACTICE. A person who prac-
27 tices naturopathy may not

28 (1) use in the practice or prescribe

29 (A) a prescription drug other than a natural plant,

1 animal, or mineral substance;

2 (B) a controlled substance;

3 (2) engage in surgery;

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

5 Sec. 08.45.040. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter,

6 (1) "controlled substance" has the meaning given in
7 AS 11.71.900;

8 (2) "naturopathy" means a system of healing the human body
9 that involves diagnosis and treatment through the use of natural
10 agencies, forces, processes, and products, with an emphasis on the
11 response of the individual to the disease rather than treatment of the
12 disease in isolation.

13 * Sec. 2. AS 08.64.370 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 08.64.370. PERSONS NOT AFFECTED. This chapter does not
15 apply to

16 (1) officers in the regular medical service of the armed
17 services of the United States or the United States Public Health
18 Service while in the discharge of their official duties;

19 (2) a physician or osteopath, who is not a resident of this
20 state, who is asked by a physician or osteopath licensed in this state
21 to help in the diagnosis or treatment of a case;

22 (3) the practice of the religious tenets of a church;

23 (4) a person while serving as a student, intern, resident
24 physician, or fellow at a hospital, clinic, or medical facility in the
25 state;

26 (5) a physician in the regular medical service of the
27 United States Public Health Service or the armed services of the
28 United States volunteering services without pay or other remuneration
29 to a hospital, clinic, medical office, or other medical facility in

1 the state;

2 (6) a person who is registered as a lay midwife by the
3 Department of Health and Social Services under AS 18.05.040 or who is
4 excluded from registration under AS 18.05.057 while engaged in the
5 practice of lay midwifery whether or not the person accepts compensat-
6 ion for those services;

7 (7) a person who is authorized by AS 08.45 to practice
8 naturopathy.

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