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1 IN THE SENATE

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SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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SENATE BILL NO. 492

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the practice of naturopathy."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 08.45.030 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 08.45.030. ISSUANCE OF LICENSE. The division shall issue a
10 license to practice naturopathy to an applicant who provides proof
11 satisfactory to the division that the applicant has [RECEIVED]

12 (1) received a degree from an accredited four-year college
13 or university;

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

16 (3) a license to practice naturopathy in a state that
17 required an examination for the license, or has passed the Naturo-
18 pathic Physicians Licensing Examination sponsored by the American
19 Association of Naturopathic Physicians and administered by the state
20 where the exam was taken.

21 * Sec. 2. AS 08.45.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

22 (b) For an applicant who has completed the applicant's naturo-
23 pathic studies after December 31, 1987, the division shall issue a
24 license to practice naturopathy to the applicant if the applicant
25 provides proof satisfactory to the division that the applicant has

26 (1) satisfied the requirements of (a)(1) - (3) of this
27 section;

28 (2) graduated from a naturopathic school that is accredited
29 or that is a candidate for accreditation by the Council on

1 Naturopathic Medical Education or a successor organization recognized
2 by the United State Department of Education; and

3 (3) been certified by the American College of Naturopathic
4 Obstetricians as having performed 40 or more deliveries, if childbirth
5 is to be a part of the person's practice.

6 * Sec. 3. AS 08.45.050 is amended to read:

7 Sec. 08.45.050. RESTRICTIONS ON PRACTICE OF NATUROPATHY. A
8 person who practices naturopathy may not

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

10 (A) a prescription drug, except local antiseptics or
11 anesthetics used in the repair and care of superficial lacera-
12 tions and lesions;

13 (B) a controlled substance;

14 (C) a poison;

15 (2) engage in surgery, except for the repair and care of
16 superficial lacerations and lesions;

17 (3) use the word "physician" in the person's title, unless
18 the word is preceded by the word "naturopathic".

19 * Sec. 4. AS 08.45.200(3) is amended to read:

20 (3) "naturopathy" means the use of hydrotherapy, dietetics,
21 electrotherapy, acupuncture, sanitation, suggestion, mechanical and
22 manual manipulation for the stimulation of physiological and psycho-
23 logical action to establish a normal condition of mind and body; in
24 this paragraph, "dietetics" includes herbal and homeopathic remedies.

25 * Sec. 5. AS 08.45.030, as amended by secs. 1 - 2 of this Act, does not
26 apply to a person who applies before the effective date of this Act for a
27 license to practice naturopathy in the state.

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