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EFFECT RELATING TO THE LICENSING OF NATUROPATHS

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1/23/84	02	2641	HESC -- CS02, OTHER05
2/20/84	03	2642	HESC PAROTE EQUALS HESC
3/29/84	04	3098	LAC -- CS65, NR02
3/29/84	05	3098	LAC PAROTE HSE SUPPL #117
4/25/84	06	3454	FIN -- CS06, NR02
4/25/84	07	3454	FIN PAROTE EQUALS ZERO
5/02/84	08	3594	SECOND READING
5/02/84	09	3594	FIN CS ADOPTED BY UNAN CONSENT
5/02/84	10	3595	NR01 ADOPTED BY DIV 31-02-07
5/02/84	11	3596	NR02 NOT ADOPTED BY DIV 13-19-08
5/02/84	12	3596	ADVANCED TO 3RD READING BY UNAN CONSENT
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5/03/84	17	3635	PASSED ON RECONSIDERATION BY DIV 26 06-04
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6/04/84	19	3712	FIRST READING -- COMMITTEE REPORTS
6/04/84	20	3733	LAC CSNM REFERRAL ADOPT BY UNAN CONSENT
6/30/84	21	3377	HESC -- CS02, NR02
6/30/84	22	3377	MOVED FROM LAC TO RLS BY UNAN CONSENT
6/31/84	23	3430	POSTPONED UNTIL 06/01/84 BY UNAN CONSENT
7/01/84	24	3450	POSTPONED UNTIL 06/02/84 BY UNAN CONSENT

Referred to L+C

5/30/84

Waived to Rules

5/30/84



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March 5, 1984

MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Furnace

FROM: Jay Livey *2*
Legislative Analyst

RE: Regulation of Naturopaths in Other States
Research Request 84-055

Steve Levi of your staff asked that we compare the regulation and licensure of naturopaths in other states with the approach proposed by CSHB 374. There are currently six states, Washington, Arizona, Oregon, Hawaii, Nevada, and Connecticut, that license naturopaths. We were able to contact or obtain licensing laws for all of these states. The comparisons of the laws includes the following information:

- the entity responsible for the regulation;
- requirements for licensure as a naturopath;
- scope of naturopathic practice; and
- reciprocity arrangements with other states.

Responsibility for Naturopathic Regulation

CSHB 347 puts the responsibility for the regulation of naturopaths in Alaska within the authority of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development. The department would have the authority to evaluate the qualifications of applicants, prepare and administer examinations to applicants and revoke and suspend licenses for cause. The State of Washington uses a similar structure, giving these powers to the Department of Licensing.

In four states, Hawaii, Oregon, Nevada and Arizona, the authority to administer the licensure law is given to a Board of Naturopathic Examiners. These boards may discipline licensed naturopaths through revocation or suspension of licenses, establish and administer licensure examinations, evaluate the qualifications of applicants and generally administer the licensure law. Three of these states, Hawaii, Arizona

and Oregon, have a three-member board composed of licensed naturopaths. Nevada has a five-member Board of Examiners of which three members are required to be naturopaths; one member is required to be a physician and one member must be a layperson.

Connecticut has a structure that divides the licensing authority between a Board of Examiners and the Department of Health Services. The board, composed of 2 licensed naturopaths and one layperson, has the authority to discipline licensed naturopaths according to procedures established by the law and administrative code. The board is also responsible for developing the licensure examination. The Department of Health Services administers the licensure statute, and has final responsibility for licensing naturopaths under the statute.

Requirements for Licensure

In summary, to be licensed as a naturopathic physician in any of these states, the applicant must be a high school graduate, have graduated from an approved school of Naturopathy and pass an examination administered by either a state department or state board of examiners. As proposed in the Alaska law, Hawaii, Oregon and Connecticut require that applicants complete additional college work at an approved school. We also found the standards used by the states to define approved schools of naturopathy were fairly similar to those proposed in the Alaska law. All states require a mix of classroom and clinical study, a course of study that occurs over four years and a minimum number of hours required for graduation. Each state's requirements are summarized below.

Alaska. To be eligible for a license as a naturopath in Alaska, CSHB 347 would require the applicant to be a high school graduate or equivalent, and to have completed two years of postsecondary education at an accredited college of liberal arts and sciences, have successfully completed an examination given by the Department of Commerce and Economic Development and not to have been licensed to practice naturopathic medicine in another state if the license has been revoked or suspended for disciplinary reasons. In addition, the applicant must have graduated from a legally chartered school of naturopathic medicine or a school of naturopathic medicine that meets specific curriculum requirements including a course of study of at least 4,000 hours of which 1,500 must be clinical.

Hawaii. In Hawaii, to be licensed as a naturopathic physician, an applicant must reside in the state for one year prior to application, be a high school graduate, have had two years liberal arts education at an accredited college and be a graduate of a legally chartered school of naturopathic medicine that meets specific curriculum requirements found in the law. In addition, the applicant must pass an examination prepared and administered by the Board of Naturopathic Examiners.

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Arizona. Arizona law requires an applicant for a naturopathic license to be a high school graduate or the equivalent and to have graduated from a school of drugless therapeutics, approved by the Board of Naturopathic Examiners. The school must meet specific curriculum requirements specified in the law and provide a total of at least 4,500 hours of instruction. The applicant must also pass an examination prepared by the Board of Examiners.

Connecticut. Connecticut law requires an applicant for a naturopathic license to be a high school graduate, to have completed 64 weeks of study at a college or scientific school approved by the Board of Naturopathic Examiners and to have graduated from a legally chartered, reputable school or college of naturopathy approved by the board. To be approved, the school of naturopathy, must require a course of resident instruction of at least four years, with each year consisting of thirty-six weeks of actual attendance. The applicant must also successfully pass an examination given by the Department of Health Services.

Oregon. Minimum requirements to be eligible for a license of naturopathy in Oregon include a high school diploma, two years satisfactory study in an accredited college of liberal arts and sciences and graduation from a college of naturopathy approved by the Board of Naturopathic Examiners. To be accredited, the college of Naturopathy must provide at least 4,000 lecture or recitation hours. Applicants are also required to pass an examination administered by the board.

Washington. Washington requires applicants for a naturopathic license to be graduates of a school of naturopathic medicine approved by the Director of Licensing and to pass an examination prepared and administered by the Director of Licensing. To be approved, the school must require a high school diploma as a condition of admission.

Nevada. To be licensed as a naturopath in Nevada, the applicant must be 21 years of age or older, a citizen of the United States or be legally entitled to work and live here, a graduate of a school of naturopathic medicine that is approved by the Board of Naturopathic Examiners and must have successfully completed an examination administered by the board.

Scope of Practice

The scope of naturopathic practice allowed by the proposed Alaska law is similar to the scope of practice allowed in Oregon, Arizona, and Connecticut. These states all allow naturopaths to perform childbirth, draw blood for diagnosis purposes, sign birth and death certificates and perform minor surgeries.

However, the states of Washington and Nevada restrict the scope of naturopathic practice more than the proposed Alaska law. These states do not allow naturopaths to perform surgeries of any kind or perform natural childbirth (except in Washington if a licensed midwife is present). Naturopaths in Nevada must work under the supervision of a physician; however, they are allowed to draw blood for diagnosis.

Alaska. The proposed Alaska law would allow naturopaths to perform physical exams, write prescriptions for noncontrolled substances, sign birth and death certificates, diagnose disease according to training, treat patients by stimulating normal functions of tissues and organs sensitized by disease, draw blood for laboratory purposes, use electrical or other methods for repair and care of superficial lacerations and abrasions, and practice natural childbirth in obstetrics. According to the proposed law, a naturopath may not perform surgery except as related to childbirth, use controlled substances, use radiation therapy or use drugs except antiseptics, local anesthetics, minerals and extracts, compounds or concentrates obtained from plants or animals.

Hawaii. Hawaii's naturopathic licensing law does not specify a scope of allowable practice. However, it does state that "naturopathic physicians licensed under this chapter shall observe and be subject to all state regulations relative to reporting births and deaths and all matters pertaining to the public health with equal rights and obligations as physicians, surgeons, and practitioners of other schools of medicine." Because we were unable to contact representatives of the Hawaii Board of Naturopathic Examiners, we were unable to make specific comparisons to the proposed Alaska law.

Arizona. The Arizona law does not specifically include the scope of services naturopaths can offer. According to Dr. Milburn Shelton, President of the State Naturopathic Licensing Board, the scope of services is determined by the definitions found in the statute.¹ For example, naturopathy means "a system for treating the abnormalities of the human mind and body by the use of drugless and nonsurgical methods including the use of physical, electrical, hygienic, and sanitary measures and all form of physiotherapy."

Nonsurgical is defined to be "a system of treating the abnormalities of the human mind and body without surgical invasion of the human body, but does not preclude the use of acupuncture, electrical or other methods for the repair and care of incident and superficial lacerations and abrasions, benign superficial lesions and the removal of foreign bodies

¹Dr. Milburne Shelton, President of the Arizona Board of Naturopathic Examiners, (602) 937-9125.

located in superficial structures, and the use of standard clinical procedures in connection therewith." This definition allows procedures that are similar to ones allowed in the proposed Alaska law.

Dr. Shelton stated that naturopaths in Arizona could also perform physical examinations, prescribe substances authorized in the statutes, sign both birth and death certificates, treat patients with acupuncture, draw blood for laboratory purposes and practice natural childbirth. He also noted that naturopaths in Arizona are prohibited from performing the activities also prohibited in CSHB 347.

Connecticut. As with Arizona, the Connecticut law is not very specific concerning the scope of practice naturopaths are allowed to perform. However, according to Dr. Charles Soderstrom, President of the Board of Naturopathic Examiners, the scope of practice is very similar to the proposed Alaska law.² He noted that Connecticut naturopaths can perform minor surgery, practice natural childbirth, sign both birth and death certificates, draw blood for laboratory tests, and perform diagnosis. However, as in the proposed Alaska law, naturopaths may not perform major surgery, use controlled substances, or use radiation therapy.

Oregon. The Oregon statutes allow naturopaths to "treat the human body by use of drugless methods, which has for its object the maintaining of the body in, or of restoring it to, a state of normal health." Although the full scope of allowed services is not detailed in the statute, it does specifically mention that antiseptics and anesthetics can be administered, birth and death certificates can be signed and minor surgery (as defined in the statute) can be performed.³ Specific prohibitions mentioned in the law include the practice of optometry, performing chiropractic adjustments and prescribing drugs.

Washington. The Washington licensing law does not specifically detail the scope of naturopathic practice. According to Yvonne Braeme, Executive Secretary to the Drugless Examining Committee, the existing law in Washington, which was adopted in 1919, is outdated.⁴ However, she did note that naturopathic practice in Washington may be more restricted than that proposed by the Alaska law. In Washington, naturopaths are

²Dr. Charles Soderstrom, President, Connecticut Board of Naturopathic Examiners, (203) 633-5330.

³Minor surgery as defined in the Oregon law is very similar to the scope of services detailed in the proposed Alaska statute.

⁴Ms. Yvonne Braeme, Executive Secretary, Washington State Board of Drugless Medicine, (206) 753-3576.

May 8, 1984
Anchorage Alaska

Labor & Commerce Committee of Senate
and Kirtula;
Juneau, Alaska
Dear Sirs;

I am very disappointed in
the way the bill 347 has
been handled - Licensing of
Naturopathic Physicians -
I have been a patient of
this type of Physician for
many years and feel the Com-
mittee's have great need of
the knowledge of these Physicians.
Please see that this bill is
passed -

Sincerely,
Margaret B. Johnson

FILE 34-000000000 PPT 1 07/13/81 11:42:27 ORIG: LK00 IN= 0002 OUT= 0041
FROM: WIDE R. WITCHHEAD TO: JUNEAD INFO
TARGET: LJKR SUB: 000

TO: SENATE HESS COMMITTEE MEMBERS JOSEPHSON, V. FISCHER, P. FISCHER,
HILFORD, AND ROSS

SENATE LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ELIACON, HULOHAY, PETTY JOHN,
POOPY, AND SACKETT

FROM: GLENN G. SCHLICHT, M.D.
213 CARLETON

REDFORD, ALASKA 99201 225-4601 (H) 225-4104 (H)

RE: THE STATE LICENSURE OF CHIROPRACTORS

MODERN HEALTH CARE DEMANDS A HIGH DEGREE OF SPECIALIZED TRAINING TO GUAR-
ANTY BOTH THE PATIENTS FOR AND CONSEQUENCES OF MEDICAL AND SURGICAL THERAPY.
I FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE A DISERVICE TO SOCIETY TO GIVE A MEDICAL OR SURGICAL
LICENSE TO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NOT HAD SUPERVISED EDUCATION, I.E., THE
"NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS."

FOR THE DIRECTOR
AND THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
I AM DIRECTIVE OF THE PORTUGAL AIR FORCE OFFICE

INVESTIGATION OF THE
CASES IN 347 WITH NUMBERS, WHICH ALLOWS PATRIOTISM TO

PROHIBITION, 6/12/84 22519

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FROM: 61011 21/11/84

TO: ALL STATIONS

URGENT - 10/11/84

001 04 00044340 FTY 1 05/11/84 17:48:23 ORIG: L413 TO: 0004 OUT: 0147
FROM: SAELE, GRC LTD
TO: FOM - JUDGE INFO

100-1001

THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BUREAU OF REVENUE HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BUREAU OF REVENUE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK A REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BUREAU OF REVENUE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK FOR THE YEAR 1924.

100-1001 527 THE BUREAU OF REVENUE

FROM: WILLIAM H. HARRIS, JR.,
DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF REVENUE,
ALBANY, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

100-1001 527 THE BUREAU OF REVENUE
FOR: BUREAU OF REVENUE, ALBANY, N. Y.
100-1001 527 THE BUREAU OF REVENUE

MSG 84-00045453 PETTY 1 (5/17/84 13:57:15 ORIG: LK00 IN= 0003 OUT= 0080
FROM: BOBHEL/LECHIKAN TO: BUREAU INFORMATION
TARGET: LMK SUBJ: POM *12*

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SENATE H.E.S.C. COMMITTEE: JOSEPHSON, V. FISCHER,
HALFORD, P. FISCHER, ROSS
MEMBERS OF THE SENATE L. & C. COMMITTEE: ELIASON, DULCANY, PETTY, BOB,
SACKETT, ROBEY
SENATOR ZIEGLER

FROM: JAMES A. WELSON, M.D.
803 3678
KETCHIKAN, BLAZEK 5296
(907) 225-4100 (WORK) AND (907) 225-5231 (HOME)

RE: HOUSE BILL 547, LIFESAVING OF PATROPHICUS

I OBJECT STRONGLY TO ALLOWING PATROPHICUS OBSTETRIC, SURGICAL AND GENERAL
SURGICAL PRIVILEGES, AS WELL AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRIVILEGES. THIS
CONSTITUTES A GREAT STEP BACKWARDS IN HEALTH CARE. THEY HAVE NO QUALIFICATIONS
FOR THIS AND WOULD BE A FURTHER SOURCE OF DANGER TO THE UNSUSPECTING PUBLIC.

END/SGP

MSNG 43660

MARY/MATSU5/3

TO: SENATORS ELIASON, MULCAHY, PETTYJOHN, RODEY, SACKETT

FR: LIZA SANDVIK
SR B BOX 7480
PALMER 99645

RE: HB 347 - LICENSING NATUROPATH PHYSICIANS

I SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF THIS LEGISLATION. URGE YOU TO SCHEDULE IMMEDIATELY
AND VOTE FOR PASSAGE FROM YOUR COMMITTEE.

MSG 43660

MARY/MATSU

5/8

TO: SENATORS ELIASON, MULCAHY, PETTYJOHN, RODEY, SACKETT

FR: DEBRA LUCAS
P O BOX 871481
MARIETTA 30067

RE: HB347- LICENSING OF NATUROPATH PHYSICIANS

I OPPOSE THE DELAY OR KILLING OF HB347. I WANT PASSAGE THROUGH YOUR COMMITTEE.

MSG 84-00043342 PRTY 1 05/08/84 15:21:11 ORIG: LA18 IN= 0015 OUT= 0118
FROM: MARCIE, ANC INFO TO: POM, JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LJKH SUBJ: P O M

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

FROM: KATIE FULLER
BOX 670946
CHUGLEAK 99567
H 688-4092

RE: HB 347 NATURPATHS

PLEASE VOTE IN FAVOR OF LICENSING NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS. PEOPLE WHO CHOOSE NATUROPATHIC HEALING DESERVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW THEIR PHYSICIANS ARE QUALIFIED AND ALSO GET THE MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE NOT AVAILABLE NOW THROUGH MOST MAJOR COMPANIES. THANK YOU.

EOK

MSG 84-00043328 PRTY 1 05/08/84 15:04:40 ORIG: LA18 IN= 0013 OUT= 0114
FROM: MARCIE, ANC INFO TO: POM, BUREAU INFO
TARGET: LJHK SUBJ: P O M

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE SENATE
FROM: DIANA CASEY
1802 BOOTLEGGERS COVER
ANCHORAGE 99501
H 272-6735
RE: HB 347 NATUROPATHS

PLEASE GIVE THE PEOPLE OF ALASKA THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THEIR
CHOICE OF HEALTH CARE BY LICENSING THE NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS.

COM

MESSAGE PORT SIT ON HR 347, PASS IT.

RE: HR 347

243-3537
ANCHORAGE, AK 99501

FROM: RICHARD DAWSON
BOX 3134 ECR

TO: THE SENATE LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE: SENATORS ELIASON, MURKIN,
PETTYJOHN, ROBERT AND SACKETT.

TARGET: LINK SUBJ: FOM

MSG 84-00043391 PRTY 4 05/08/84 16:02:53 ORIG: L432 IN=0005 OUT=0134
TO: FOM - JND LIO
FROM: DAVE/ANC LIO

MSG 84-00043366 PRTY 1 05/08/84 15:56:57 ORIG: LA32 IN= 0003 OUT= 0130
FROM: DAVE/AND LIO TO: POM - JHO LIO
TARGET: LJK SURF POM

TO: SENATOR KEPTULLA AND THE SENATE LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE: SENATORS
ELIASON, BULCAMP, PETTYBOND, FODDY AND SACKETT.

FROM: GINGER PETTLJOHN
2RA BOX 7408
ANCHORAGE, AK 99516
279-5077

RE: HB 347

MESSAGE: I UNDERSTAND THAT SENATOR ELIASON REQUESTED HB 347 BE REFERRED TO
THE SENATE LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE AS HE DID LAST YEAR. I AM OPPOSED TO
YOUR DELAYING THIS BILL TO DEFEAT IT. I WANT IT PASSED THIS SESSION.

END *****

MSG 34-00043333 PRTY 1 05/03/84 15:11:56 ORIG: LA18 IN= 0014 OUT= 0117
FROM: MARCIE, ANC INFO TO: POM, JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LJHK SUBJ: P O H

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE
FROM: ELIZABETH ALLARD
14800 ZIRCON CIRCLE
ANCHORAGE 99516
H 345-7165
RE: HB 347 NATUROPATHS

PLEASE EXPEDITE HB 347 INSTEAD OF DELAYING IT. IT SHOULD GO STRAIGHT TO THE HESS COMMITTEE AND ON TO THE SENATE. SENATOR'S ELIASON AND KERTTOLA SEEM TO BE DELAYING THE BILL SO IT WILL NOT PASS THIS SESSION. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE PASSAGE OF HB 347 THIS YEAR.

EDM