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that requires a deep, shared commitment from many institutions and individuals, including alcohol manufacturers and retail businesses, the entertainment industry, and parents and other adults in local communities.

Federal and state governments should help forge the commitment to curtail alcohol consumption by minors, the report adds. For example, the federal government should do more to educate adults about existing laws and the consequences of underage drinking. Federal and state governments also should provide additional financial assistance and other support to reinforce community-based initiatives, and to research the effectiveness of the proposed strategy itself and related policies.

"All segments of U.S. society should address underage drinking in a serious, coordinated, and sustained manner," said Richard J. Bonnie, John S. Battle Professor of Law and director of the Institute of Law, Psychiatry, and Public Policy at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, and chair of the committee that wrote the report. "We have to find effective ways to protect our nation's youth while we respect the interests of responsible adult consumers of alcohol. The recommendations in this report attempt to strike the right balance." The congressionally mandated study lays out a strategy that includes heightened adult supervision of children's behavior and calls upon the alcohol and entertainment industries to take stronger steps to shield young people from unsuitable messages about alcohol consumption. Taken as a whole, the plan would have a considerable impact, the committee said, adding that the strategy should be subject to ongoing refinement.

To fund the proposed activities and to help reduce underage consumption, Congress and state legislatures should raise excise tax rates on alcohol – particularly on beer, which studies show is the alcoholic beverage that most young people prefer. Alcohol is much cheaper today, after adjusting for inflation, than it was 30 to 40 years ago. Higher tax rates should be tied to the Consumer Price Index to keep pace with inflation. Increasing the cost of alcohol has well-documented deterrent effects on underage drinkers, the report points out.

### **A National Wake-Up Call**

Most adults express concern about underage drinking and voice support for public policies to

curb it. Yet surveys show that youth often obtain alcohol from adults. Studies also show that many parents underestimate both the extent of the problem and their own children's alcohol-consumption habits.

States and localities should use a wide range of educational and enforcement measures to boost compliance with laws that prohibit selling or providing alcohol to children, adolescents, and young adults under the legal drinking age of 21. The aim is to deter adults and youths alike, the report says. Among the recommended steps are increasing the frequency of compliance checks, in which authorities monitor whether businesses are obeying minimum-drinking-age laws and levy fines when necessary, and requiring all sellers and servers of alcohol to complete state-approved training as a condition of employment. Likewise, the federal government should require states to achieve specified rates of retailer compliance with youth-access laws as a condition of receiving federal funds. And states should enhance efforts to prevent and detect the use of false identification by minors who want to purchase alcohol – for example, by issuing driver's licenses and state ID cards that can be electronically scanned.

In addition, states that allow Internet sales and home delivery of alcohol should adopt regulations that require customers to sign statements verifying their identity and age at the time of delivery. At the local level, police, working with community leaders, should create policies for detecting and shutting down underage drinking parties, the report says.

State and local leaders should develop efforts to reduce underage drinking that are tailored to specific circumstances of the problem in their communities, the report says. A broad range of public and private organizations and institutions, including the federal government, should encourage and fund community efforts that have a solid science base.

Likewise, the federal government should fund and actively support the development of a national media campaign to encourage parents and other adults to take steps in their own households and neighborhoods to discourage underage drinking. Officials should carefully craft this activity to make sure that it would reach a diverse audience, the report says.

All intervention and education programs, the committee stressed, should be rigorously

evaluated.

### **Roles for Alcohol and Entertainment Industries**

A substantial portion of alcohol advertising reaches an underage audience or is presented in a style that is attractive to youth, the report says. For example, television ads for alcohol often appear during programs where the percentage of underage viewers is greater than their percentage in the overall U.S. population.

The committee recommended that trade associations in the alcohol industry and individual companies strengthen their advertising codes to prohibit placement of commercial messages in venues where a large portion of the audience is underage. These groups also should establish independent, external review boards to investigate complaints about ads and enforce codes. In 1999 the Federal Trade Commission issued similar recommendations urging the industry to toughen its advertising standards for alcoholic beverages. For years, those standards have permitted ad placement in media where adults constitute at least 50 percent of the audience. The industry is expected to soon announce tougher standards that will restrict marketing to audiences with a much larger proportion of adults.

In addition, alcohol companies, advertising firms, and commercial media should refrain from marketing practices -- such as certain product designs or promotion techniques -- that may appeal to young people, the report says.

The alcohol industry also should join with private and public entities to create and fund an independent, nonprofit foundation that is focused solely on preventing and reducing underage drinking, the committee said. The industry currently invests in programs that were established with that stated goal; however, the results of these programs typically are not assessed using rigorous scientific methods.

The entertainment media have key roles to play, too. Officials in the music, television, and film industries should use rating systems and codes to reduce the likelihood that large numbers of young listeners and viewers will be exposed to unsuitable messages about alcohol consumption -- even when adults are expected to make up the majority of the audience. The

Motion Picture Association of America, for instance, should consider content about alcohol use when rating films, and assign mature ratings for movies that portray drinking in a favorable light, the report says.

The overall goal of the committee's broad strategy is to promote public awareness of the importance of reducing underage drinking, as well as greater accountability in mass communication. To this end, Congress should provide funding for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to routinely track youth exposure to alcohol ads by monitoring advertising practices. Likewise, HHS should regularly review representative samples of movies, TV programs, music recordings, and videos offered to audiences that are 15 percent or more underage. Findings from this work should be reported to Congress and the public, the committee said. Moreover, HHS should issue a comprehensive report to Congress each year on trends in underage drinking and progress in reducing the problem.

#### **Larger Government Investments Needed**

The use of alcohol among adults is deeply rooted in American culture, and beliefs vary widely about alcohol consumption and expectations for young people. But underage drinking is dangerous, the report emphasizes. It is a significant factor in youth traffic fatalities, and associated with suicide, other violence, and academic failure. When people start drinking in childhood or adolescence, they increase their risk of developing alcohol-related problems as adults.

In the 2002 Monitoring the Future survey, a federally sponsored study, about 72 percent of 12th graders and 39 percent of eighth graders reported that they had consumed some alcohol in the past year. That study also showed that more than a quarter of high school seniors had consumed five or more drinks in a row in the previous two weeks.

Federal and state excise taxes are potentially important tools for preventing and reducing underage drinking and its harmful consequences, the committee concluded. Extensive research indicates that even small changes in these tax rates can decrease the prevalence of drinking among youths, who tend to have limited discretionary income. Current federal excise tax rates of \$2.14 per 750-ml. bottle of 80-proof spirits, 33 cents per six pack of beer, and 21

cents per bottle of wine represent a long downward slide in the value of these taxes. Further, the federal government needs to enhance and better organize research in this area, the report says. A federal, interagency coordinating committee should be formed, with the secretary of HHS serving as chair, to provide national leadership on the topic. HHS should create a National Training and Research Center on Underage Drinking, and collect more detailed data on the problem -- gathering information on regional trends and on brands of alcohol that are popular among young people, for instance. HHS also should issue annual reports on progress in implementing the proposed strategy.

State policy-makers should designate an agency to spearhead and coordinate their activities and programs in this area, the report says. Also, residential colleges and universities, which face serious alcohol-related problems among students under 21, should develop, adopt, and evaluate comprehensive prevention approaches in partnership with local communities.

The report was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The National Research Council and the Institute of Medicine are private, nonprofit institutions that provide science and health policy advice under a congressional charter. The Research Council is the principal operating arm of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering. A committee roster follows.

Pre-publication copies of Reducing Underage Drinking: A Collective Responsibility are available from the National Academies Press; tel. 202-334-3313 or 1-800-624-6242 or on the Internet at <http://www.nap.edu>. The cost of the report is \$50.00 (prepaid) plus shipping charges of \$4.50 for the first copy and \$.95 for each additional copy. Reporters may obtain a copy from the Office of News and Public Information (contacts listed above).

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**Committee on Developing a Strategy to Reduce and Prevent Underage Drinking**

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Using Alcohol Policy to Reduce Underage Drinking: Strategies that Work

The Underage Drinking Enforcement Center

Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation

Calverton, Maryland

To a large extent, community environments determine whether and how much young people drink.<sup>1</sup> This environment consists of the community's alcohol-related norms and regulations and the availability of alcohol to young people (see figure). Policymakers and concerned citizens can help to shape their community environment to support healthy choices about alcohol use.

#### Controlling Alcohol Availability to Young People

There is no better established principle in prevention than this: If a community makes it more difficult for young people to obtain alcohol, underage drinking is reduced. In addition, because younger drinkers obtain alcohol from older people (friends, siblings, parents, and other adults), reducing the *overall* availability of alcohol in a community will reduce alcohol problems among young people.

- *Enforcement of laws against underage drinking* – Underage drinking laws are among our most important tools to reduce underage drinking, and the better the enforcement, the better the results. Enforcement efforts are most efficient and effective when they focus on adults (retailers, parents, older friends) who provide alcohol to underage drinkers. Nevertheless, enforcement aimed at young people themselves can send a message about community norms and may deter them from attempting to buy alcohol.
- *Reducing overall availability* – Reducing the overall availability of alcohol makes alcohol

less convenient for young people to obtain. It also sends a message to young people that alcohol does not have to be the central feature of social life. One important way to reduce the overall availability is to reduce the number of alcohol outlets relative to community size and population. Communities can also prohibit alcohol outlets in areas that are frequented by young people, for example, near schools. Finally, communities can restrict alcohol availability at public events, such as fairs and festivals or in other public places, such as beaches and parks.

#### Controlling the Ways in Which Alcohol Is Advertised and Promoted

Alcohol advertising and promotions are highly visible features of most community landscapes. The message often conveyed to young people is that drinking is expected, acceptable, and desirable. States and communities can reduce these messages through a variety of strategies:

- Controlling the location and content of outdoor advertising
- Prohibiting the distribution or sale to minors of alcohol promotional material (e.g., T-shirts).
- Restricting or eliminating alcohol industry sponsorship of local community events.

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<sup>1</sup> *Regulatory Strategies for Preventing Youth Access to Alcohol: Best Practices*, Washington, D.C.: OJJDP, USDOJ. Presented at OJJDP National Leadership Conference, 7/11-14/99.

- Community environments can exert powerful controls on drinking among young people
- If a community makes it more difficult for young people to obtain alcohol, underage drinking is reduced
- Alcohol advertising and promotions too often communicate to young people that drinking is expected, acceptable, and desirable.

*The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, under the Department of Transportation, provides a number of resources for the prevention of underage drinking, including the Community How To Guides On Underage Drinking Prevention. NHTSA also funds the National Association of Governors' Highway Safety Representatives' Underage Drinking Prevention Project (UDPP). The UDPP uses a comprehensive, community-based approach to address the issue of underage drinking.*

#### The Effects of Lowered Legal Blood Alcohol Limits for Young Drivers

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be detected.

Tapert, S., Brown, G., Kinderman, S., Cheung, E., Frank, L., and Brown., S. fMRI measurement of brain dysfunction in alcohol-dependent young women. *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*, 25(2):236-245, 2001.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Science, Kids, And Alcohol - Heavy Alcohol Use and Nervous System Development*.

- Evidence is increasing that alcohol-dependent young people experience deficits in cognitive functioning
- Functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) revealed changes in brain functioning that may underlies these deficits
- Heavy drinking patterns leading to withdrawal pose particular threats to brain functioning in young women.

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Enforcement of Underage Drinking Laws: Strategies that Work

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Laws establishing 21 as the minimum purchase age for alcohol (adopted in all states by 1988) have been shown to be extremely effective in reducing underage alcohol consumption and its consequences<sup>1</sup>. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the 21-year-old purchase age has saved more than 19,000 young lives through reductions in alcohol-related traffic crashes. There have also been reductions in injuries, homicides, suicides, and other alcohol-related problems.<sup>2,3</sup>

Despite the effectiveness of 21-year-old purchase age laws, more vigorous enforcement would further reduce underage drinking and save even more young lives. Evaluations have shown repeatedly that when the following techniques are applied, rates of sales to minors drop dramatically:

#### **Enforcement aimed at retailers**

Because there are many fewer sellers of alcohol than there are purchasers, strategies aimed at retailers are efficient. They are also very successful in reducing sales of alcohol to minors.<sup>4</sup>

Enforcement aimed at retailers includes the following key elements:

- Vigorous use of compliance checks
- Applying appropriate sanctions to merchants who sell to underage individuals
- Educating merchants regarding their responsibilities under the law
- Developing media coverage and community support for enforcement.

#### **Enforcement aimed at other sources of alcohol**

Young people obtain alcohol from many sources, including older friends and siblings, adults who agree to buy for them, and even parents. Some strategies for reducing these sources of alcohol include:

- Enacting keg registration laws that make the purchasers of kegs of beer responsible if minors are served from those kegs.
- Enforcing laws that prohibit buying alcohol for minors and citing adults who purchase for them
- Holding adults responsible if alcohol is served to minors in their homes
- Conducting enforcement campaigns to prevent or safely disperse parties where minors are drinking.

#### **Enforcement aimed at young people**

Little research is available demonstrating the effectiveness of enforcement aimed at young people. However, enforcement programs, such as "Cops in Shops," send a message about community norms and may deter young people from attempting to buy alcohol. Such youth only-approaches should be used in combination with other proven strategies.

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## Buying booze for minors is illegal

By: **GEORGE MATTAR** (Sun, Dec/14/2003)

RICHBORO - Despite a biting wind yesterday, about 20 teens were making it known in Richboro they don't want adults buying booze for minors.

Yesterday was the kickoff for Project Sticker Shock.

No, it's not the price of a new Hummer, but rather a program to educate parents and anyone over 21 that it is illegal to buy alcohol for minors, said Cherie Brummans, a prevention specialist for the Bucks County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence.

Brummans said the council worked in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to issue the new stickers, which the teens were plastering all over cases of Budweiser, Coors, Miller and other brands of beer at Richboro Beer and Soda.

Customers stocking up on cases of beer for the holidays asked owner Ken Wheeler what was going on when they saw the teens putting the green and purple stickers on beer cases and two police officers, Sgt. Brian Ferry and Officer James Caldwell, standing by the front door.

"We're trying to send a message it's not OK to buy beer for minors. We have to be responsible and make sure kids don't get alcohol," Wheeler said.

The teens were from the Council Rock and Centennial school districts and were joined by Girl Scout Troop 905 from Upper Southampton.

Wheeler later told a reporter that underage drinking is a problem in every community and that he is concerned about his products getting into young hands.

"I think it's a great idea to send the message that it's against the law to

buy alcohol for minors," he said.

Statistics show that 78 percent of state residents believe beer distributors are not careful enough in preventing teens from getting alcohol. And 83 percent of all Americans support laws that penalize adults who illegally supply alcohol to minors.

During the rally at the distributor in Richboro, the teens walked around the shopping center with a megaphone, putting out the important message, "It's Not Your Call. It's the Law."

Among those in attendance were Northampton Chief Barry Pilla; Rev. Robert Gillis; Peter Palestina, Northampton supervisors chairman; Northampton District Justice H. Warren Hogeland; Linda Amos, a MADD advocate who lost a child to a drunken driver; and two students, Kary Bradley from Council Rock High School South and Gina DiMaio, an eighth-grader from Klinger Middle School in Northampton. State Rep. Gene DiGirolamo also attended.

Newtown District Justice Don Nasshorn, who is on weekend call, arrived a little late, but thanked all the teens and announced he will personally pay for them to attend a 300-pound pumpkin carving show next year to show his thanks. Nasshorn is the president of the board of directors of the county drug and alcohol council.

Nasshorn said alcohol is the number one drug choice of teens and more importantly, the easiest to get.

"That's what this program is designed to do, cut back on kids getting booze. These are statistics we didn't make up. The kids themselves tell us they can get beer very easily," he said.

Hogeland said he is firm, but fair with those that come before him in his Richboro court on underage drinking charges.

"I counsel them and we have a conference on the first offense. The second offense they get community service like picking up litter, but on the third offense I drop the hammer," Hogeland said.

By dropping the hammer he can levy a fine of \$300 and suspend a driver's license for 90 days or more.

Pilla said, "The use and abuse of alcohol by our children needs to be stopped. Every community has experienced a loss and one loss, is too many."

He said officers will arrest anyone caught buying alcohol for minors.

And guess what? A first offense citation for anyone caught alcohol for a minor is \$1,000.

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**2/13/04**

**Representative Kevin Meyer  
State Capitol, Room 513  
Juneau, AK 99801**

**RE: HB 428**

**Dear Representative Meyer:**

**This letter acknowledges my full support of House Bill 428. It is legislation that will have a long term positive affect not only in our communities but for the hospitality industry as well.**

**By holding adults of legal age to purchase alcohol responsible for providing for minors is legislation the industry will gladly enforce. I am always surprised when adults claim these actions are harmless. In banquet situations I have seen parents give children alcohol such as champagne and am obligated to tell them their actions on-premise are illegal. This legislation will empower licensees to enforce the law and make all adults think twice before passing a glass of alcohol to a minor or in any public situation for that matter.**

**I see HB 428 as deterrence to providing alcohol to minors, educational to the public and an incentive for licensees to get the word out.**

**Sincerely,**

**Chuck Edwards  
Manager**



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February 10, 2004

Representative Kevin Meyer  
State Capitol, room 513  
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Re: House Bill 428

"An Act relating to civil liability for acts related to obtaining alcohol for persons under 21 years of age or for persons under 21 years of age being on licensed premises."

Dear Representative Meyer:

The MADD Alaska Chapters, *Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau and Mat-Su*, support House Bill 428.

In order to further limit youthful involvement in alcohol-related crashes, MADD advocates criminalization of actions by adults who provide for minors.

MADD believes there should be more effective and stringent enforcement of the minimum drinking age law, by means of administrative, civil, and criminal measures, to further limit illegal underage access to alcohol and thus reduce youthful involvement in alcohol traffic crashes.

House Bill 428 supports Community Policing which is a philosophy that promotes and supports organizational strategies to address the causes and reduce the fear of crime through problem-solving tactics and community-police partnerships.

HB 428 provides an incentive for liquor stores to prevent irresponsible adults from furnishing alcohol to minors and allows them to be part of community policing.

Sincerely,

Cindy Cashen

Executive Director

### Third Party Purchasers

The disheveled man in his fifties looked a little out of place at the counter with the 3 six-packs of maltalternative beverages. While the clerk suspended the sale, a look outside the building confirmed the presence of a van containing three nervous teenagers. After a quick interview with security personnel, the three admitted giving a public inebriate \$50 to purchase the beverages for them. All four were arrested and turned over to the police, who took the adult into custody, and released the minors to their parents after issuing them citations. The minors explained that this particular inebriate routinely made himself available to purchase alcohol for the local high school crowd.

There is nothing new about misguided adults buying alcohol for minors, but what might surprise you is how often minors are able to obtain alcohol from a third party, and who the minors are asking to buy for them. Over the last several weeks, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), in cooperation with the Anchorage Police Department, has conducted a survey to determine how often adults will buy alcohol for obviously underage total strangers. While the survey has just begun, 40% of the Anchorage adults approached by the teens agreed to buy for them. A recent survey performed by the Los Angeles Police Department produced similar results, 46% of the adults approached agreed to buy for the minor. As greater pressure is brought to bear on sources of fraudulent identification, the national trend seems to be that more and more minors are turning to adults to obtain alcohol.

Brown Jug has taken an aggressive approach in dealing with third party purchases for minor by conducting surveillance with trained security personnel to identify minors and adults who violate AS 04.16.060. It is a criminal offense in Alaska for a minor to solicit an adult to buy alcohol for the minor, and for the adult to order or receive an alcoholic beverage from a licensee for the purpose of giving it to a minor.

Since initiation of the third party interdiction program, Brown Jug security personnel have made over 120 arrests. This program has also resulted in arrests for other criminal conduct, such as felony drug charges, weapons charges, as well as parole violations. Store level employees are trained to recognize the potential signs of a third party purchase, but are not authorized to detain the customer. If the employee believes the alcohol is destined for a minor they are to deny the sale and contact security if necessary.

In analyzing the arrests made, we have identified three primary groups of adults who purchase for minors. The first group is made up of older siblings or friends of the minor who believe that they are doing their underage friend a favor. The second group is made up of public inebriates. Minors have learned that the "Will Work for Food" crowd is easily persuaded to purchase alcohol. Disturbingly, the third group is made up of sex offenders. When we interview minors we find that they are shocked to learn the criminal history of the person they solicited. Approaching strangers and public inebriates for alcohol is far more dangerous than they think. More than one arrest has resulted in profuse appreciation from parents who realized what very likely was about to happen to their daughter.

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Anchorage Municipal Ordinance 10.50.23 provides that minors and adults who violate AS 04.16.060 are liable to the licensee for a civil penalty of \$1000. In partnership with Akeela House, MADD, and Standing Together Against Rape (STAR), Brown Jug is waiving \$700 of the civil penalty if the participants successfully complete the educational classes offered. Akeela provides all case management, so the time required by the licensee is minimized. Essentially, the licensee is responsible for making a demand for the \$1000 civil penalty by first class mail, signing up the participants when they respond, and forwarding the participant name to Akeela. The case manager at Akeela is responsible for scheduling participants and coordinating classes with other agencies. On third party cases, the rate of participation have been impressive; virtually all of the adults and minors contacted, signed up immediately, the rest committed to sign up on a specific date.

**What are the signs that a third party purchase may be occurring?**

1. Minors in vehicles parked around the side of the building, when parking is available directly in front of the door;
2. The adult in the store is buying several different products; and
3. The adult denies anyone is in his or her vehicle.

**What steps can be taken to prevent third party purchases?**

1. The policy at Brown Jug is that everyone in a customer's party must be 21 years old, or be the child, spouse, or legal ward of the customer. This includes persons in the customer's vehicle.
2. Consider installing outdoor cameras to monitor blind spots outside the store. This gives the clerks at the registers the ability to scan the parking lot without having to leave the register.
3. Educate employees to be vigilant and to look out for suspicious transactions.

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Personnel/Loss Prevention Manager  
Brown Jug, Inc.

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Frank H. Murkowski, Governor  
William Tandeske, Commissioner

February 24, 2004

Representative Beth Kertula  
Alaska House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: HB 430

Dear Representative Kertula:

Your office communicated with me by fax regarding concerns or comments I might have regarding HB 430. This bill addresses the issue of work permits, which include written parental or guardian consent, for eighteen year-olds working on liquor licensed premises.

I have reviewed the bill and see no reason that it should not become law. The requirement that eighteen year old persons, many of whom are emancipated from parental control and possess all rights of adults save access to tobacco and alcohol, must receive consent from parents for certain work opportunities is archaic. I believe these young adults are adequately protected by the remaining law that employment on licensed premises cannot involve serving alcohol. This change will address a disparity that now exists between the state's labor and alcohol laws and increase employment opportunities for young adults and the prospective labor pool for employers.

If you have any further specific questions, I will be happy to answer them for you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas B. Griffin".

Douglas B. Griffin  
Director

cc: Lee Ann Lucas, Special Assistant, Department of Public Safety

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# Representative Beth Kerttula

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## Sponsor Statement

### House Bill 430

**"An Act relating to employees under 21 years of age in the premises of hotels, restaurants, and eating places that are licensed to sell, serve, deliver, or dispense alcoholic beverages."**

Current law requires parental permission for 18-year-olds who are legal adults to work in establishments that serve alcohol. House Bill 430 would allow 18-year-olds to work in these establishments without parental permission. Under law, they still would not be able to sell, serve, deliver or dispense alcoholic beverages.

This change would clear up difficulties that 18-year-olds have had in finding gainful employment. In one instance, a young man was not able to get a job in a restaurant because there was no one who could sign a work permit for him. He had been a foster child and because he was 18, his foster parents no longer had the right to sign his work permit for him. House Bill 430 would fix this problem.

Thank you for your consideration of House Bill 430.



August 26, 2002

Representative Beth Kerttula  
Alaska State Legislature, District 3  
Room 430  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Kerttula,

Recently when trying to hire an eighteen-year-old individual I came across one of those unfortunate situations.

The person, [REDACTED], needed a Work Permit approved by the Department Of Labor. He needed parental permission or permission from his legal guardian to complete the permit. He has no legal guardian as he is eighteen and no readily available access to parental consent.

His work permit was disapproved by the Department of Labor and I have enclosed the information they return to me with a copy of the disapproved permit.

There is no one we should be helping more than [REDACTED]. He is being brought to my premise by someone from *Dreams TFC, Inc.*, is in the Foster care system, and having a State Probation officer's assistance ([REDACTED]) yet is not hireable.

The State Statues should be changed. They should not require parental consent and should not require work permits designed for minors for an eighteen-year-old to work in a restaurant of my type.

Best regards,

H.B. Freer Jr.

Cc [REDACTED] - Foster Parent

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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age in the premises of hotels, restaurants, ... Component ABC Board  
 Sponsor Representative Kerttula  
 Requester H. Labor & Commerce Component No. 2690

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: 0.0  
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2005 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

No fiscal impact is anticipated by the Department of Public Safety.

Prepared by: Douglas B. Griffin, Director Phone 269-0350  
 Division ABC Board Date/Time 2/23/04 8:25 AM  
 Approved by: Commissioner William Tandeske Date 2/23/2004  
 Agency Department of Public Safety

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Version: HB430-DOLWD-WH-02-20-04  
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Department: Labor and Workforce Development  
Title: Employees under 21 at Licensed Premises RDU: Labor Standards & Safety  
Sponsor: Representative Kerttula Component: Wage & Hour  
Requester: House Labor & Commerce Component Number: 345

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the department as a result of this legislation.

Prepared by: Grey Mitchell, Director Phone 465-4855  
Division: Labor Standards & Safety Date/Time 2/20/04 11:35 AM  
Approved by: Greg O'Claray, Commissioner Date 2/20/2004  
Agency: Department of Labor and Workforce Development

**HB**

**434**



**To: Members of the Alaska Legislature**  
**From: Physicians of the Alaska Heart Institute—Anchorage, Alaska**  
**Re: HB 434/SB 306**

As practicing cardiologists, we are profoundly alarmed by the introduction of HB 434, providing for medical prescriptive authority for naturopathic physicians. We feel strongly and unequivocally that this bill poses a serious threat to public health.

You can learn about the dangers of naturopathy at [www.quackwatch.com](http://www.quackwatch.com). Here is our take on the subject:

### **NO SCIENCE**

The success of conventional (allopathic) medicine is based upon rigorous application of the scientific method. With this approach, new therapies can be rigorously tested for effectiveness. Thanks to controlled clinical trials, our field (cardiology) has seen profound improvements in quality of life and survival for patients with coronary heart disease, congestive heart failure, arrhythmias, and congenital heart disease. Our record stands in stark contrast to mainstream naturopathy, which is based upon irrational beliefs and practices. You won't see media reports of rigorous, controlled naturopathy trials because they are simply not performed! Research performed at naturopathic colleges is lacking in scientific rigor and has not even investigated common naturopathic claims. A naturopath may treat your stroke with a mustard paste footbath, but you will have better luck going to a physician who can open up your closed cerebral artery.

Unscientific naturopathic beliefs threaten proven public health measures, most notably childhood immunizations. When is the last time you had a family member die of diphtheria, tetanus, or pertussis? These diseases used to be common killers in the US, and continue to cause profound human suffering in parts of the third world where vaccination is unavailable. Mainstream naturopaths do not support childhood vaccination.

Naturopathy is both potentially and actually injurious when practiced according to the accepted standards of the profession, due to the failure of the naturopath to recommend appropriate medical treatment. Naturopathy involves many nonsensical diagnostic practices that mainstream medicine considers quackery but naturopaths consider standard. **Paradoxically, if medical doctors were to engage in the same practices they would be subject to discipline and malpractice suits – and rightly so.**

### **NO TRAINING**

There is no standard curriculum for a naturopath degree. You can get a PhD in Naturopathy from Progressive Universal Life Church for \$250 and "life experience" with no coursework. You can go to the International College of Naturopathy and get a diploma after 15 months of home study and a dozen weekend seminars.

The duration and setting of naturopathic clinical training, even overlooking its content, is inadequate for producing competent primary care physicians. This is clear from a comparison of the training of medical doctors to that of naturopaths. Just as a newly graduated medical doctor, no matter how well-intentioned, would not be allowed

to assume the role of a primary care physician, neither should this be allowed for a naturopath whose training is clearly inferior.

Naturopaths will point to their four years of naturopath training, and compare this to medical school. They neglect to mention having missed the additional three to seven years of internship, residency, and fellowship training that MDs obtain AFTER medical school. These post-medical school years are actually the formative training period for physicians. What is alarming is that the naturopaths are ignorant of their ignorance. Imagine a pilot learning to fly an ultralight, then volunteering to captain your 747 to Europe.

Why is this dangerous? Prescription medications can hurt and kill people. Certain antibiotics, rhythm, anti-nausea, or psychiatric can cause sudden death if used too aggressively. Other medications can cause your liver or kidneys to shut down. A commonly used heart drug can cause irreversible blindness. Try calling a naturopath to see whether they can name ANY of these medications.

The bill's sponsors claim that most states allow some prescriptive rights for naturopaths. The truth is that a handful of states allow naturopaths to prescribe medications, but only under MD supervision.

#### **OTHER GOVERNMENT REVIEWS:**

##### **HEW report, 1968**

Naturopathic theory and practice are not based upon the body of basic knowledge related to health, disease, and health care which has been widely accepted by the scientific community. Moreover, irrespective of its theory, the scope and quality of naturopathic education do not prepare the practitioner to make an adequate diagnosis and provide appropriate treatment.

##### **Massachusetts Special Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medical Practitioners April, 2001 (15 month study)**

For an occupation with little semblance of objective, scientific, and ethical bases, licensure legitimizes an otherwise illegitimate and dangerous activity. This monograph demonstrates, unequivocally and with extensive documentation, that naturopathy is a dangerous activity, and that no amount of regulation is likely to mitigate this fact. It is the opinion of the Massachusetts Medical Society that it would be irresponsible and unconscionable for the Commission to recommend the licensure of naturopathy in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

**SUMMARY:**

Naturopathy has no scientific basis. To paraphrase the Massachusetts Commission, conferring prescriptive authority upon naturopaths legitimizes an otherwise illegitimate and dangerous activity. We call on the members of the legislature to actually learn about naturopathy before casting votes.

Feel free to contact any of us at 907-561-3211.

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**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 434(L&C)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered:**

**Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HOLM, Gruenberg, Wolf**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the practice of naturopathic medicine; and providing for an effective  
2 date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 08.01.010(26) is amended to read:

5 (26) regulation of the practice of naturopathic medicine  
6 [NATUROPATHY] under AS 08.45;

7 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 08.45.010 is amended to read:

8 **Sec. 08.45.010. Practice of naturopathic medicine [NATUROPATHY]**  
9 **without license prohibited. A person who does not hold a license issued under this**  
10 **chapter may not**

11 (1) practice naturopathic medicine [NATUROPATHY] in the state;

12 or

13 (2) use any of the following titles: "doctor of naturopathy,"

14 "naturopath," or "naturopathic physician" [WITHOUT A LICENSE].

1 \* Sec. 3. AS 08.45.020 is amended to read:

2           **Sec. 08.45.020. Application for license.** A person desiring to practice  
3           **naturopathic medicine** [NATUROPATHY] shall apply in writing to the division of  
4           occupational licensing of the Department of Community and Economic Development.

5 \* Sec. 4. AS 08.45.030 is repealed and reenacted to read:

6           **Sec. 08.45.030. Issuance of license.** The division shall issue a license to  
7           practice naturopathic medicine on receipt of

8                   (1) an application on a form acceptable to the division;

9                   (2) documentation satisfactory to the division that the applicant

10                           (A) is a graduate of an approved naturopathic medical college  
11                           or program; and

12                           (B) has passed the naturopathic physicians licensing  
13                           examination approved by the division with a score that meets the requirements  
14                           established in regulation; and

15                   (3) all applicable fees.

16 \* Sec. 5. AS 08.45.035(a) is amended to read:

17           (a) The division shall issue a temporary license to practice **naturopathic**  
18           **medicine** [NATUROPATHY] to an applicant who has applied for and is qualified to  
19           take the next Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination offered after the date of  
20           application and provides proof satisfactory to the division that the applicant

21                   (1) meets the requirements of AS 08.45.030(2)(A); and

22                   (2) has not previously failed the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing  
23           Examination.

24 \* Sec. 6. AS 08.45.050 is amended to read:

25           **Sec. 08.45.050. Restrictions on practice of **naturopathic medicine****  
26           **[NATUROPATHY].** A person who practices **naturopathic medicine**  
27           **[NATUROPATHY]** may not

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

29                           (A) a **psychotherapeutic** [PRESCRIPTION] drug;

30                           (B) a controlled substance; **or**

31                           (C) a **psychotropic substance** [POISON]; **or**

1 (2) engage in surgery, except for minor surgery [;

2 (3) USE THE WORD "PHYSICIAN" IN THE PERSON'S TITLE].

3 \* Sec. 7. AS 08.45.050 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (b) Notwithstanding that a specific act is within the definition of "naturopathic  
5 medicine" or is described as an activity authorized under AS 08.45.120, a person  
6 licensed under this chapter may not perform the act if the person lacks appropriate  
7 education or training related to the act.

8 \* Sec. 8. AS 08.45.060 is amended to read:

9 **Sec. 08.45.060. Grounds for suspension, revocation, or refusal to issue a**  
10 **license. The division may deny a license to an applicant under this chapter or,**  
11 **after a hearing, impose a disciplinary sanction authorized under AS 08.45.070 on a**  
12 **person licensed under this chapter when the division finds that the applicant or**  
13 **licensee**

14 (1) secured, or attempted to secure, a license through deceit, fraud, or  
15 intentional misrepresentation;

16 (2) engaged in deceit, fraud, or intentional misrepresentation in the  
17 course of providing professional services or engaging in professional activities;

18 (3) advertised professional services in a false or misleading manner;

19 (4) has been convicted of a felony or other crime that affects the  
20 applicant's or licensee's ability [TO CONTINUE] to practice competently and safely;

21 (5) failed to comply with this chapter, with a regulation adopted under  
22 this chapter, or with an order of the division;

23 (6) is [CONTINUED TO PRACTICE AFTER BECOMING] unfit to  
24 practice naturopathic medicine due to

25 (A) professional incompetence;

26 (B) addiction or severe dependency on alcohol or a drug that  
27 impairs the applicant's or licensee's ability to practice safely; or

28 (C) physical or mental disability; or

29 (7) engaged in lewd or immoral conduct in connection with the  
30 delivery of professional service to patients.

31 \* Sec. 9. AS 08.45.070(a) is amended to read:

1 (a) When it finds that a licensee under this chapter has violated AS 08.45.050  
2 or 08.45.120 [AS 08.45.040 - 08.45.050] or is guilty of an offense under  
3 AS 08.45.060, the division may impose the following sanctions singly or in  
4 combination:

5 (1) permanently revoke the license to practice;

6 (2) suspend the license for a determinate period of time;

7 (3) censure the licensee;

8 (4) issue a letter of reprimand to the licensee;

9 (5) place the licensee on probationary status and require the licensee to

10 (A) report regularly to the division upon matters involving the  
11 basis of probation;

12 (B) limit practice to those areas prescribed;

13 (C) continue professional education until a satisfactory degree  
14 of skill has been attained in areas determined by the division to need  
15 improvement;

16 (6) impose limitations or conditions on the practice of the licensee.

17 \* Sec. 10. AS 08.45.080 is amended to read:

18 **Sec. 08.45.080. Unlicensed practice or use of title a misdemeanor.** A  
19 person who violates [PRACTICES NATUROPATHY IN THE STATE WITHOUT A  
20 LICENSE IN VIOLATION OF] AS 08.45.010 is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon  
21 conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not  
22 more than a year, or by both.

23 \* Sec. 11. AS 08.45.100 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

24 (b) After consideration of draft regulations, if any, prepared by the division in  
25 collaboration with a qualified trade association of naturopathic physicians, the  
26 department may adopt regulations to

27 (1) establish the standards the division will use to approve naturopathic  
28 medical colleges or programs for satisfaction of the requirement of  
29 AS 08.45.030(2)(A); the standards must require, at a minimum, that the college or  
30 program include a four-year, full-time resident program of academic and clinical study  
31 of naturopathic medicine;

1 (2) implement the continuing education requirement of AS 08.45.110;  
2 and

3 (3) establish the standards under which the division may issue  
4 certificates of specialty practice for a person licensed under this chapter.

5 \* **Sec. 12.** AS 08.45 is amended by adding new sections to read:

6 **Sec. 08.45.110. Continuing education requirement.** Before a license may  
7 be renewed, the licensee shall document to the division's satisfaction that the licensee  
8 has received at least 45 hours of continuing education in naturopathic medicine in the  
9 previous two years, at least 15 hours of which was instruction in pharmacology or  
10 pharmacotherapeutics presented by a licensed pharmacist or another professional  
11 approved by the division.

12 **Sec. 08.45.120. Authorized activities; use of titles.** Subject to the  
13 restrictions in AS 08.45.050, a person licensed under this chapter may

14 (1) prescribe or administer for preventive and therapeutic purposes the  
15 following: food, extracts of food, vitamins, minerals, enzymes, whole gland  
16 substances, botanical medicines, and homeopathic preparations;

17 (2) if authorized under regulations of the department, prescribe or  
18 administer legend or prescription drugs, intravenous botanicals, substances, vitamins,  
19 and minerals;

20 (3) administer health care counseling, nutritional counseling and  
21 dietary therapy, naturopathic physical applications, therapeutic devices, and  
22 nonprescription drugs;

23 (4) prescribe and implement barrier devices for contraception;

24 (5) perform minor surgery;

25 (6) perform or order for diagnostic purposes a physical or orificial  
26 examination, ultrasound, phlebotomy, clinical laboratory test or examination,  
27 physiological function test, and other diagnostic procedures commonly used by a  
28 person licensed to practice medicine under AS 08.64.200; and

29 (7) use the title of "doctor of naturopathy," "naturopath," "naturopathic  
30 physician," or their abbreviations.

31 **Sec. 08.45.130. Fees.** The division shall set fees under AS 08.01.065 for each

1 of the following:

- 2 (1) a license issued under this chapter;  
3 (2) a temporary license issued under this chapter;  
4 (3) renewal of a license issued under this chapter.

5 \* Sec. 13. AS 08.45.200(3) is amended to read:

6 (3) "naturopathic medicine" ["NATUROPATHY"] means the use of  
7 hydrotherapy, dietetics, electrotherapy, sanitation, suggestion, mechanical and manual  
8 manipulation for the stimulation of physiological and psychological action to establish  
9 a normal condition of mind and body; in this paragraph, "dietetics" includes herbal  
10 and homeopathic remedies.

11 \* Sec. 14. AS 08.45.200 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

12 (4) "approved naturopathic medical college or program" means a  
13 college or program that grants a degree of doctor of naturopathy or doctor of  
14 naturopathic medicine and that

15 (A) is accredited by the Council on Naturopathic Medical  
16 Education or another accrediting agency recognized by the United States  
17 Department of Education;

18 (B) has the status of candidate for accreditation by an entity  
19 described in (A) of this paragraph; or

20 (C) has been approved under a regulation adopted by the  
21 department under this chapter;

22 (5) "department" means the Department of Community and Economic  
23 Development;

24 (6) "minor surgery"

25 (A) means the use of

26 (i) operative, electrical, or other methods for surgical  
27 repair and care incidental to superficial lacerations and abrasions or  
28 superficial lesions, and the removal of foreign bodies located in  
29 superficial tissues; and

30 (ii) antiseptics and local anesthetics in connection with  
31 methods authorized under (i) of this subparagraph;

1 (B) does not include use of general or spinal anesthetics, major  
2 surgery, surgery of the body cavities, or specialized surgery, such as plastic  
3 surgery, surgery involving the eyes, or surgery involving tendons, ligaments,  
4 nerves, or blood vessels.

5 \* Sec. 15. AS 47.08.050 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 47.08.050. Services excluded from coverage.** Annually, the committee  
7 shall determine in light of appropriated funds and expected need the medical expenses  
8 reimbursable under AS 47.08.010 - 47.08.140, except that the following are not  
9 reimbursable:

- 10 (1) dentistry and optometry unless prescribed by a licensed dentist or  
11 physician as medically necessary as the result of the injury or illness;
- 12 (2) elective medical or surgical procedures;
- 13 (3) drugs and medications not prescribed by a licensed physician;
- 14 (4) services received as a result of a pregnancy or birth without  
15 unusual complications;
- 16 (5) private psychological or psychiatric treatment or private alcoholism  
17 treatment, unless not available from public agencies or programs;
- 18 (6) chiropractic services and services provided by a person who  
19 practices naturopathic medicine [NATUROPATHY];
- 20 (7) services not of a medical nature;
- 21 (8) medical services currently provided to persons in the custody of the  
22 Department of Corrections;
- 23 (9) costs incurred before July 1976.

24 \* Sec. 16. AS 08.45.040 is repealed.

25 \* Sec. 17. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
26 to read:

27 **LICENSE TO PRACTICE NATUROPATHY; TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS.** A  
28 license to practice naturopathy issued under AS 08.45 that is in effect on February 28, 2005,  
29 remains in effect for the period for which the license was issued and is considered to be a  
30 license to practice naturopathic medicine under AS 08.45, as amended by this Act. However,  
31 a person who holds a license issued under AS 08.45 that is in effect on February 28, 2005, is

1 subject to the authority of the department in regard to acts of the licensee that occurred on or  
2 before February 28, 2005, to impose a disciplinary sanction under AS 08.45.070.

3 \* **Sec. 18.** AS 08.45.110, as enacted by sec. 12 of this Act, takes effect January 1, 2007.

4 \* **Sec. 19.** Except as provided in sec. 18 of this Act, this Act takes effect March 1, 2005.

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March 8, 2004

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Alaska House of Representatives  
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Juneau, Alaska 99801

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I am writing to ask for your support for HB434 that updates the practice of Naturopathic Medicine to safely meet the public's growing healthcare needs. Alaskans seek naturopathic doctors to treat a wide range of conditions, including chronic diseases like diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol.

HB434 would enhance freedom of choice in healthcare, enabling residents to take responsibility for their own health while protecting the safety of Alaskans by ensuring access to only highly trained medical professionals who have met stringent licensing standards. It also ensures that the practice of naturopathic medicine is commensurate with the current educational standards and training.

Like medical doctors, naturopathic physicians are trained in an intensive four-year doctoral program that emphasizes a solid foundation in Biomedical Sciences and Western diagnostic methods, conventional and natural therapies (a bachelor's degree and pre-med background is also required for admission). This integrated approach, coupled with educational standards recognized by the United States Department of Education, allows naturopathic physicians to reach a profound diagnostic understanding of their patients' health problems, and provide treatment plans that integrate conventional and alternative therapies.

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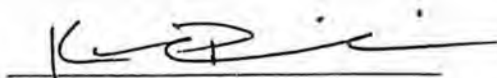
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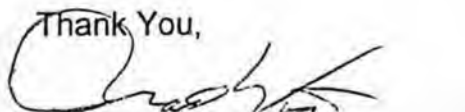
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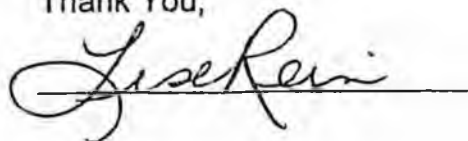
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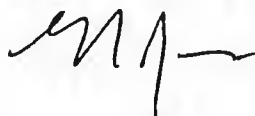
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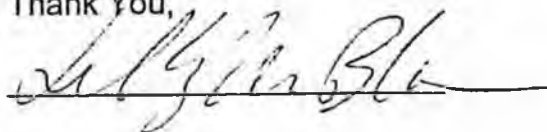
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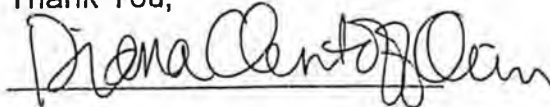
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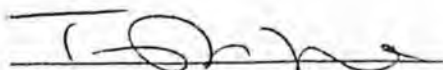
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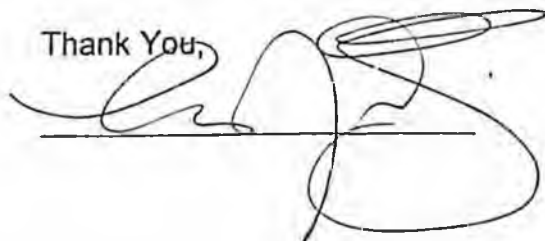
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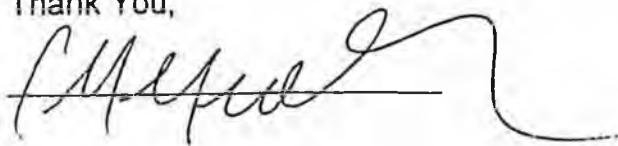
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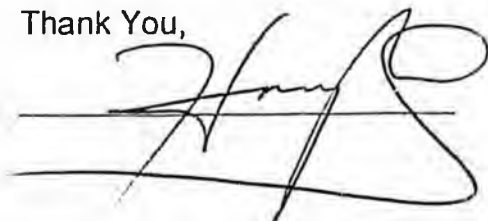
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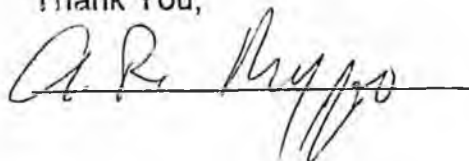
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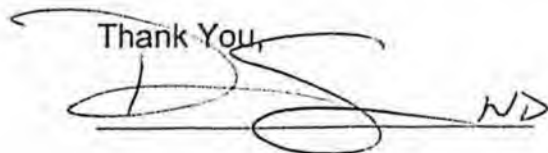
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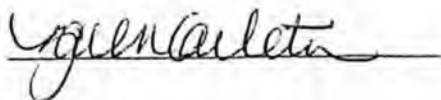
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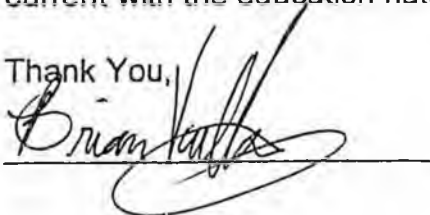
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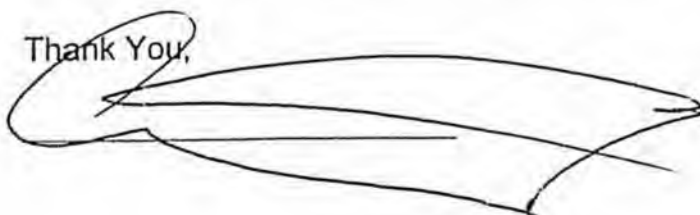
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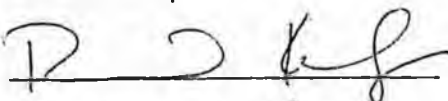
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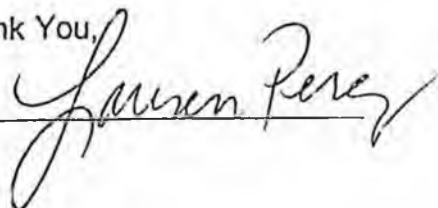
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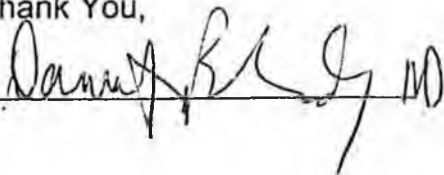
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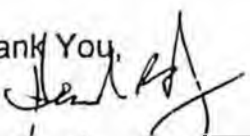
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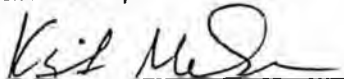
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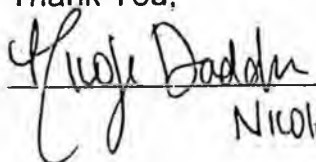
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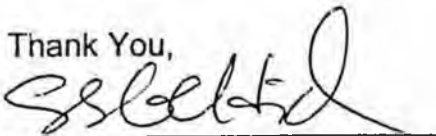
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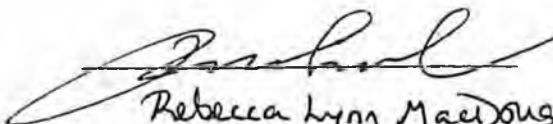
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