

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 43-58-11 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the regulation of naturopaths; and to amend and reenact sections 43-58-01 and  
3 43-58-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the regulation of naturopaths.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-58-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **43-58-01. Definitions.**

8 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 9 1. "Approved naturopathic medical college" means a college and program granting the  
10 degree of doctor of naturopathy or naturopathic medicine which must require as a  
11 minimum a four-year, full-time resident program of academic and clinical study and  
12 which:
- 13 a. Is accredited, or has the status of candidate for accreditation, by an organization  
14 approved by the board, such as the council on naturopathic medical education; or
  - 15 b. Has been approved by the board after an investigation that determines that the  
16 college or program meets education standards equivalent to those established by  
17 the accrediting agency under subdivision a and complies with the board's rules.
- 18 2. "Board" means the state board of integrative health care created under chapter 43-57.
- 19 3. "Homeopathic preparations" means nonprescriptive substances prepared according to  
20 the official homeopathic pharmacopoeia of the United States. ~~The term does not~~  
21 ~~include prescriptive drugs.~~
- 22 4. "Licensee" means an individual licensed by the board under this chapter.
- 23 5. "Minor office procedures" means the methods for repair and care incidental to  
24 superficial lacerations and abrasions; superficial lesions; the removal of foreign bodies

1           located in the superficial tissues, cysts, ingrown toenails, and skin tags; the treatment  
2           and removal of warts; and the incision and drainage of boils. The term does not  
3           include skin biopsies, general or spinal anesthetics, major surgery, or surgery of the  
4           body cavity.

5           6. "Naturopath" means an individual licensed to practice naturopathic health care under  
6           this chapter.

7           ~~6-7.~~ "Naturopathic health care", "naturopathic medicine", or "naturopathy" means a system  
8           of primary health care practiced by naturopaths for the prevention, diagnosis, and  
9           treatment of human health conditions, injury, and disease. The purpose of  
10          naturopathic health care, naturopathic medicine, or naturopathy is to promote or  
11          restore health by the support and stimulation of the individual's inherent self-healing  
12          processes. This is accomplished through education of the patient by a naturopath and  
13          through the use of natural therapies and therapeutic substances.

14          ~~7-8.~~ "Naturopathic physical application" means the therapeutic use by a naturopath of the  
15          actions or devices of electrical muscle stimulation, galvanic, diathermy, ultrasound,  
16          ultraviolet light, hydrotherapy, and naturopathic manipulative therapy. The term does  
17          not include manipulation of the spine.

18          **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-58-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
19          amended and reenacted as follows:

20          **43-58-08. Practice of naturopathic health care.**

- 21          1. A naturopath may practice naturopathic medicine as a limited practice of the healing  
22          arts as exempted under section 43-17-02. A naturopath may not:
- 23          a. ~~Prescribe~~Except as authorized under subsection 4, prescribe, dispense, or  
24          administer any prescription drug;
  - 25          b. Administer ionizing radioactive substances for therapeutic purposes;
  - 26          c. ~~Perform~~Except as authorized under subsection 5, perform a surgical procedure;  
27          or
  - 28          d. Claim to practice any licensed health care profession or system of treatment  
29          other than naturopathic medicine unless holding a separate license in that  
30          profession. A naturopath may not hold out to the public that the naturopath is a  
31          primary care provider.

- 1       2. A naturopath may prescribe and administer for preventive and therapeutic purposes a  
2       prescriptive device and the following ~~nonprescriptive~~ natural therapeutic substances,  
3       drugs, and therapies:
  - 4       a. Food, vitamins, minerals, dietary supplements, enzymes, botanical medicines,  
5       and homeopathic preparations;
  - 6       b. Topical drugs, health care counseling, nutritional counseling and dietary therapy,  
7       naturopathic physical applications, and therapeutic devices; and
  - 8       c. Barrier devices for contraception.
- 9       3. A naturopath may perform or order for diagnostic purposes a physical or official  
10      examination, ultrasound, phlebotomy, clinical laboratory test or examination,  
11      physiological function test, and any other noninvasive diagnostic procedure commonly  
12      used by physicians in general practice and as authorized by the board.
- 13      4. A naturopath may prescribe or administer a prescription drug listed in a naturopathic  
14      formulary established by a subcommittee of the board.
  - 15      a. The subcommittee under this subsection must be made up of the following four  
16      board members: the doctor of medicine or osteopathy, the naturopath, the  
17      pharmacist, and the advanced practice registered nurse.
  - 18      b. Except for endogenous anabolic androgenic steroids, the naturopathic formulary  
19      may not include drugs classified in schedules I through IV of chapter 19-03.1.
- 20      5. A naturopath may perform minor office procedures.
- 21      6. A naturopath certified by the board for specialty practice may practice naturopathic  
22      childbirth attendance.

23      **SECTION 3.** Section 43-58-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as  
24 follows:

25      **43-58-11. Naturopathic childbirth attendance - Requirements for certification for**  
26 **specialty practice.**

- 27      1. A naturopath may not practice naturopathic childbirth attendance unless certified by  
28      the board for specialty practice.
- 29      2. The board shall adopt rules setting forth the requirements a naturopath shall meet to  
30      qualify for certification for the specialty practice of naturopathic childbirth attendance.

- 1       3. To qualify for certification for the specialty practice of naturopathic childbirth
- 2       attendance, a naturopath shall:
- 3       a. Successfully complete a three-year, didactic and clinical, certified professional
- 4       midwifery curriculum approved by the board.
- 5       b. Successfully complete a national standardized examination in midwifery
- 6       prescribed or endorsed by the board, such as the North American registry of
- 7       midwives.
- 8       c. Meet requirements established by the board by rule.