

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2026 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

CS/SB 688 — Naturopathic Medicine

by Fiscal Policy Committee and Senator Rodriguez

The bill reestablishes the licensure and regulation of naturopathic doctors in Florida by redesignating ch. 462, F.S., as “Naturopathic Medicine” and by updating the chapter’s regulatory framework.

The bill creates the Board of Naturopathic Medicine to assist the Department of Health with the regulation of naturopathic doctors. The bill establishes licensure by examination for applicants who hold a doctoral degree in naturopathic medicine, provides for licensure by endorsement, sets biennial renewal and continuing education requirements, and applies standard disciplinary authority. The bill also prohibits unlicensed practice and protected-title misuse, while providing specified exceptions.

The bill defines the scope of naturopathic practice to include specified diagnostic and natural treatment modalities but expressly excludes prescriptive authority for legend drugs or prescription drugs, except as expressly provided for certain natural, nonpharmacologic substances. The bill authorizes naturopathic doctors to provide services through telehealth.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on December 31, 2026.

Vote: Senate 33-3; House 85-22