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A bill to be entitled An act relating to naturopathic medicine; changing the title of ch. 462, F.S., from "Naturopathy" to "Naturopathic Medicine"; amending s. 462.01, F.S.; revising and providing definitions; creating s. 462.0215, F.S.; creating the Board of Naturopathic Medicine; providing membership and duties of the board; providing guidelines for probable cause panels and disciplinary decisions; providing applicability of ch. 456, F.S.; amending s. 462.023, F.S.; providing powers and duties of the board under ch. 462, F.S., including rulemaking authority; deleting obsolete language; amending s. 462.08, F.S.; conforming terminology; amending s. 462.11, F.S.; conforming and correcting terminology; amending s. 462.13, F.S.; providing additional powers and duties of the board; amending s. 462.14, F.S.; specifying authority of the department and the board with respect to disciplinary action and revising grounds for disciplinary action with respect to such authority; conforming terminology; amending s. 462.16, F.S.; specifying authority for setting the fee for the reissuance of license under certain circumstances; conforming terminology; amending s. 462.17, F.S.; conforming terminology; amending s. 462.18, F.S., relating to educational requirements; conforming terminology; amending s. 462.19, F.S.;

1 increasing the maximum amount at which the 2 inactive status fee may be set; creating s. 3 462.193, F.S.; providing requirements for licensure as a naturopathic physician; 4 5 providing fees; providing grounds for denying 6 or restricting licenses; providing for the 7 applicability of certain rights to naturopathic physicians who have certain qualifications; 8 9 creating s. 462.195, F.S.; providing exemptions 10 from licensure requirements; amending s. 11 462.2001, F.S.; updating the saving clause; conforming terminology; providing that certain 12 rights and privileges of active licensees are 13 retained; amending ss. 20.43, 381.0031, 14 468.301, 476.044, 477.0135, 485.003, 486.161, 15 627.351, 893.02, and 921.0022, F.S.; conforming 16 17 terminology; providing an effective date. 18 19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 20 Chapter 462, Florida Statutes, which is 21 Section 1. 22 entitled "Naturopathy," is redesignated as "Naturopathic Medicine." 23 24 Section 2. Section 462.01, Florida Statutes, is 25 amended to read: 26 462.01 Definitions. -- As used in this chapter, the 27 term: (1) 28 "Board" means the Board of Naturopathic Medicine. 29 (2) "Department" means the Department of Health. 30

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1 (3) "Doctor of naturopathic medicine" or "naturopathic physician" means a person licensed to practice naturopathic 2 3 medicine under this chapter. (4)(1) "Natureopathy," and "naturopathy," and 4 5 "naturopathic medicine"shall be construed as synonymous terms 6 and mean the use and practice of psychological, mechanical, 7 and material health sciences to aid in purifying, cleansing, and normalizing human tissues for the preservation or restoration of health, according to the fundamental principles 9 10 of anatomy, physiology, and applied psychology, as may be 11 required. Naturopathic practice employs, among other agencies, phytotherapy, dietetics, psychotherapy, suggestotherapy, 12 hydrotherapy, zone therapy, biochemistry, external 13 applications, electrotherapy, mechanotherapy, mechanical and 14 electrical appliances, hygiene, first aid, sanitation, and 15 heliotherapy. + provided, However, that nothing in this chapter 16 17 shall be held or construed to authorize any doctor of 18 naturopathic medicine or naturopathic physician licensed under 19 this chapter hereunder to practice materia medica, major or 20 surgery, or chiropractic medicine, acupuncture, or oriental medicine, nor shall the provisions of this chapter law in any 21 manner apply to or affect the practice of osteopathic 22 medicine, chiropractic medicine, Christian Science, or any 23 24 other treatment authorized and provided for by law for the cure or prevention of disease and ailments. 25 Section 3. Section 462.0215, Florida Statutes, is 26 27 created to read: 28 462.0215 Board of Naturopathic Medicine. --29 There is created within the department the Board

of Naturopathic Medicine, composed of seven members appointed

by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

(2)(a) Five members of the board must be:

- 1. Licensed doctors of naturopathic medicine or naturopathic physicians in good standing in this state who are residents of the state and who have been engaged in the practice of naturopathic medicine for at least 5 years; or
- 2. Persons who have been teaching naturopathic medicine and who hold a doctorate of naturopathic medicine from an institution accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education.
- (b) The remaining two members of the board must be residents of the state who are not, and never have been, licensed health care practitioners.
- (c) At least one member of the board must be 60 years of age or older.
- (3) For the purpose of staggering terms, the Governor shall initially appoint to the board three members for terms of 4 years each, two members for terms of 3 years each, and two members for terms of 2 years each. As the terms of board members expire, the Governor shall appoint successors for terms of 4 years, and such members shall serve until their successors are appointed.
- (4) The board, in conjunction with the department, shall establish a disciplinary training program for members of the board. The program shall provide for initial and periodic training in the grounds for disciplinary action, the actions that may be taken by the board and the department, changes in relevant statutes and rules, and any relevant judicial and administrative decisions. A member of the board may not participate on a probable cause panel or in a disciplinary decision of the board unless she or he has completed the disciplinary training program.

- (5) During the time members of the board are appointed to a probable cause panel, they shall attempt to complete their work on every case presented to them. If consideration of a case is begun but is not completed during the term of the board members on the panel, they may reconvene as a probable cause panel for the purpose of completing their deliberations on that case.
- (6) All provisions of chapter 456 relating to activities of the board are applicable.

Section 4. Section 462.023, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

department.--The board and the department may adopt such rules as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter, may initiate disciplinary action as provided by this chapter, and shall establish fees as provided by this chapter based on their its estimates of the revenue required to administer this chapter provided the fees do but shall not exceed the fee amounts provided in this chapter. The department shall not adopt any rules which would cause any person who was not licensed in accordance with this chapter on July 1, 1959, and had not been a resident of the state for 2 years prior to such date, to become licensed.

Section 5. Section 462.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

462.08 Renewal of license to practice <u>naturopathic</u> medicine naturopathy.--Each <u>licensee</u> licenseholder shall biennially renew her or his license to practice <u>naturopathic</u> medicine naturopathy. The applicant must furnish to the <u>board</u> department such evidence as it requires of the applicant's compliance with s. 462.18, relating to educational

requirements. The biennial renewal fee, the amount of which shall be determined by the <u>board</u> department but which may not exceed \$1,000, must be paid at the time the application for renewal of the license is filed.

Section 6. Section 462.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

162.11 Doctors of naturopathic medicine or naturopathic physicians Naturopaths to observe regulations.—Doctors of naturopathic medicine or naturopathic physicians naturopathy shall observe and be subject to all state, county, and municipal regulations in regard to the control of contagious and infectious diseases, the reporting of births and deaths, and to any and all other matters pertaining to the public health in the same manner as is required of other practitioners of the healing arts art.

Section 7. Section 462.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

462.13 Additional powers and duties of the <u>board and</u> the department.—The <u>board and the</u> department may administer oaths, summon witnesses, and take testimony in all matters relating to <u>their</u> its duties pursuant to this chapter. Every unrevoked license shall be presumptive evidence in all courts and places that the person therein named is legally licensed to practice <u>naturopathic medicine</u> naturopathy. The <u>board and</u> the department shall aid the prosecuting attorneys of the state in the enforcement of this chapter.

Section 8. Section 462.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

462.14 Grounds for disciplinary action; action by the board and the department.--

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The following acts constitute grounds for denial of a license or disciplinary action, as specified in s. 456.072(2):

- (a) Attempting to obtain, obtaining, or renewing a license to practice naturopathic medicine by bribery, by fraudulent misrepresentation, or through an error of the department or the board.
- (b) Having a license to practice naturopathic medicine revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against, including the denial of licensure, by the licensing authority of another state, territory, or country.
- (c) Being convicted or found guilty, regardless of adjudication, of a crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates to the practice of naturopathic medicine or to the ability to practice naturopathic medicine. Any plea of nolo contendere shall be considered a conviction for purposes of this chapter.
 - False, deceptive, or misleading advertising. (d)
- (e) Advertising, practicing, or attempting to practice under a name other than one's own.
- Failing to report to the department any person who the licensee knows is in violation of this chapter or of the rules of the department or the board.
- (g) Aiding, assisting, procuring, or advising any unlicensed person to practice naturopathic medicine contrary to this chapter or to a rule of the department or the board.
- (h) Failing to perform any statutory or legal obligation placed upon a licensed doctor of naturopathic medicine or naturopathic physician.
- (i) Making or filing a report which the licensee knows 31 to be false, intentionally or negligently failing to file a

 report or record required by state or federal law, willfully impeding or obstructing such filing or inducing another person to do so. Such reports or records shall include only those which are signed in the capacity as a licensed doctor of naturopathic medicine or naturopathic physician.

- (j) Paying or receiving any commission, bonus, kickback, or rebate, or engaging in any split-fee arrangement in any form whatsoever with a physician, organization, agency, or person, either directly or indirectly, for patients referred to providers of health care goods and services, including, but not limited to, hospitals, nursing homes, clinical laboratories, ambulatory surgical centers, or pharmacies. The provisions of this paragraph shall not be construed to prevent a doctor of naturopathic medicine or naturopathic physician from receiving a fee for professional consultation services.
- (k) Exercising influence within a patient-physician relationship for purposes of engaging a patient in sexual activity. A patient shall be presumed to be incapable of giving free, full, and informed consent to sexual activity with her or his physician.
- (1) Making deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in the practice of naturopathic medicine or employing a trick or scheme in the practice of naturopathic medicine when such scheme or trick fails to conform to the generally prevailing standards of treatment in the medical community.
- (m) Soliciting patients, either personally or through an agent, through the use of fraud, intimidation, undue influence, or a form of overreaching or vexatious conduct. A "solicitation" is any communication which directly or

implicitly requests an immediate oral response from the recipient.

- (n) Failing to keep written medical records justifying the course of treatment of the patient, including, but not limited to, patient histories, examination results, test results, X rays, and records of the prescribing, dispensing, and administering of drugs.
- (o) Exercising influence on the patient or client in such a manner as to exploit the patient or client for the financial gain of the licensee or of a third party, which shall include, but not be limited to, the promoting or selling of services, goods, appliances, or drugs and the promoting or advertising on any prescription form of a community pharmacy unless the form also states "This prescription may be filled at any pharmacy of your choice."
- (p) Performing professional services which have not been duly authorized by the patient or client, or her or his legal representative, except as provided in s. 743.064, s. 766.103, or s. 768.13.
- (q) Prescribing, dispensing, administering, mixing, or otherwise preparing a legend drug, including any controlled substance, other than in the course of the <u>doctor of naturopathic medicine's or naturopathic physician's professional practice</u>. For the purposes of this paragraph, it shall be legally presumed that prescribing, dispensing, administering, mixing, or otherwise preparing legend drugs, including all controlled substances, inappropriately or in excessive or inappropriate quantities is not in the best interest of the patient and is not in the course of the <u>doctor of naturopathic medicine's or naturopathic physician's professional practice</u>, without regard to her or his intent.

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- (r) Prescribing, dispensing, or administering any medicinal drug appearing on any schedule set forth in chapter 893 by the <u>doctor of naturopathic medicine or</u> naturopathic physician to herself or himself, except one prescribed, dispensed, or administered to the <u>doctor of naturopathic medicine or</u> naturopathic physician by another practitioner authorized to prescribe, dispense, or administer medicinal drugs.
- (s) Being unable to practice naturopathic medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness or use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other type of material or as a result of any mental or physical condition. In enforcing this paragraph, the department shall have, upon probable cause, authority to compel a doctor of naturopathic medicine or naturopathic physician to submit to a mental or physical examination by physicians designated by the department. The failure of a doctor of naturopathic medicine or naturopathic physician to submit to such an examination when so directed shall constitute an admission of the allegations against her or him upon which a default and final order may be entered without the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence, unless the failure was due to circumstances beyond the doctor of naturopathic medicine's or naturopathic physician's control. A doctor of naturopathic medicine or naturopathic physician affected under this paragraph shall at reasonable intervals be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate that she or he can resume the competent practice of naturopathic medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients. In any proceeding under this paragraph, neither the record of proceedings nor the orders entered by the department may be used against a

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doctor of naturopathic medicine or naturopathic physician in any other proceeding.

- (t) Gross or repeated malpractice or the failure to practice naturopathic medicine with that level of care, skill, and treatment which is recognized by a reasonably prudent similar physician as being acceptable under similar conditions and circumstances. The board department shall give great weight to the provisions of s. 766.102 when enforcing this paragraph.
- (u) Performing any procedure or prescribing any therapy which, by the prevailing standards of medical practice in the community, constitutes experimentation on a human subject, without first obtaining full, informed, and written consent.
- Practicing or offering to practice beyond the scope permitted by law or accepting and performing professional responsibilities which the licensee knows or has reason to know that she or he is not competent to perform.
- (w) Delegating professional responsibilities to a person when the licensee delegating such responsibilities knows or has reason to know that such person is not qualified by training, experience, or licensure to perform them.
- (x) Violating a lawful order of the department or the board previously entered in a disciplinary hearing or failing to comply with a lawfully issued subpoena of the department.
- (y) Conspiring with another licensee or with any other person to commit an act, or committing an act, which would tend to coerce, intimidate, or preclude another licensee from lawfully advertising her or his services.
- (z) Procuring, or aiding or abetting in the procuring 31 of, an unlawful termination of pregnancy.

- (aa) Presigning blank prescription forms.
- (bb) Prescribing by the <u>doctor of naturopathic</u>

 <u>medicine or naturopathic physician for office use any medicinal drug appearing on Schedule II in chapter 893.</u>
- (cc) Prescribing, ordering, dispensing, administering, supplying, selling, or giving any drug which is an amphetamine or sympathomimetic amine drug, or a compound designated pursuant to chapter 893 as a Schedule II controlled substance to or for any person except for:
- 1. The treatment of narcolepsy; hyperkinesis; behavioral syndrome in children characterized by the developmentally inappropriate symptoms of moderate to severe distractability, short attention span, hyperactivity, emotional lability, and impulsivity; or drug-induced brain dysfunction.
- 2. The differential diagnostic psychiatric evaluation of depression or the treatment of depression shown to be refractory to other therapeutic modalities.
- 3. The clinical investigation of the effects of such drugs or compounds when an investigative protocol therefor is submitted to, reviewed, and approved by the <u>board</u> department before such investigation is begun.
- (dd) Prescribing, ordering, dispensing, administering, supplying, selling, or giving growth hormones, testosterone or its analogs, human chorionic gonadotropin (HCG), or other hormones for the purpose of muscle building or to enhance athletic performance. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "muscle building" does not include the treatment of injured muscle. A prescription written for the drug products listed above may be dispensed by the pharmacist with the

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presumption that the prescription is for legitimate medical use.

- (ee) Violating any provision of this chapter or chapter 456, or any rules adopted pursuant thereto.
- (2) The board department may enter an order denying licensure or imposing any of the penalties in s. 456.072(2) against any applicant for licensure or licensee who is found quilty of violating any provision of subsection (1) of this section or who is found guilty of violating any provision of s. 456.072(1).
- (3) The board department shall not reinstate the license of a doctor of naturopathic medicine or naturopathic physician until such time as the board department is satisfied that such person has complied with all the terms and conditions set forth in the final order and that such person is capable of safely engaging in the practice of naturopathic medicine.
- The board department shall by rule establish guidelines for the disposition of disciplinary cases involving specific types of violations. Such guidelines may include minimum and maximum fines, periods of supervision or probation, or conditions of probation or reissuance of a license.

Section 9. Section 462.16, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

462.16 Reissue of license.--Any person who practices naturopathic medicine shall practice naturopathy after her or his license has been revoked and registration annulled shall be deemed to have practiced naturopathic medicine naturopathy without a license; provided, however, at any time after 6 31 months after the date of said conviction, the department may

 grant a license to the person affected, restoring to her or him all the rights and privileges of and pertaining to the practice of <u>naturopathic medicine</u> naturopathy as defined and regulated by this chapter. The fee therefor shall <u>be set by the board</u> not <u>to</u> exceed \$250.

Section 10. Section 462.17, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 462.17 Penalty for offenses relating to $\underline{\text{naturopathic}}$ medicine $\underline{\text{naturopathy}}.-\text{Any person who shall:}$
- (1) Sell, fraudulently obtain, or furnish any naturopathic diploma, license, record, or registration or aid or abet in the same;
- (2) Practice <u>naturopathic medicine</u> naturopathy under the cover of any diploma, license, record, or registration illegally or fraudulently obtained or secured or issued unlawfully or upon fraudulent representations;
- (3) Advertise to practice <u>naturopathic medicine</u> naturopathy under a name other than her or his own or under an assumed name;
- (4) Falsely impersonate another practitioner of a like or different name;
- (5) Practice or advertise to practice <u>naturopathic</u> <u>medicine</u> <u>naturopathy</u> or use in connection with her or his name any designation tending to imply or to designate the person as a practitioner of <u>naturopathic medicine</u> <u>naturopathy</u> without then being lawfully licensed and authorized to practice naturopathic medicine <u>naturopathy</u> in this state; or
- (6) Practice <u>naturopathic medicine</u> naturopathy during the time her or his license is suspended or revoked

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<u>commits</u> shall be guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Section 11. Section 462.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

462.18 Educational requirements. --

(1) At the time each licensee shall renew her or his license as otherwise provided in this chapter, each licensee, beginning with the license renewal due May 1, 1944, in addition to the payment of the regular renewal fee, shall furnish to the board department satisfactory evidence that, in the year preceding each such application for renewal, the licensee has attended the 2-day educational program as promulgated and conducted by the Florida Naturopathic Physicians Association, Inc., or, as a substitute therefor, the equivalent of that program as approved by the board department. The department shall send a written notice to this effect to every person holding a valid license to practice naturopathic medicine naturopathy within this state at least 30 days prior to May 1 in each biennial year, directed to the last known address of such licensee, and shall enclose with the notice proper blank forms for application for annual license renewal. All of the details and requirements of the aforesaid educational program shall be adopted and prescribed by the board department. In the event of national emergencies, or for sufficient reason, the board may department shall have the power to excuse the naturopathic physicians as a group or as individuals from taking this postgraduate course.

(2) The determination of whether a substitute $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ educational program is necessary shall be solely within the discretion of the $\frac{1}{2}$ department.

1 Section 12. Subsection (3) of section 462.19, Florida 2 Statutes, is amended to read: 3 462.19 Renewal of license; inactive status.--(3) A licensee may request that her or his license be 4 5 placed in an inactive status by making application to the 6 department and paying a fee in an amount set by the department 7 not to exceed\$ 100 ± 50 . 8 Section 13. Section 462.193, Florida Statutes, is created to read: 9 10 462.193 Licensure by examination; requirements; 11 fees.--(1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a 12 naturopathic physician shall apply to the department on forms 13 furnished by the department. The department shall license each 14 applicant who the board certifies: 15 Has completed the application form and remitted a 16 nonrefundable application fee set by the board not to exceed 17 \$500. 18 19 (b) Is at least 21 years of age. 20 (C) Is of good moral character. Has not committed any act or offense in this or 21 (d) 22 any other jurisdiction which would constitute the basis for disciplining a naturopathic physician pursuant to s. 462.14. 23 24 Meets one of the following naturopathic medical 25 education and postgraduate training requirements: 26 Is a graduate of an approved school of naturopathic 27 medicine which is licensed by the Florida Commission for Independent Education to grant the degree of Doctor of 28 29 Naturopathic Medicine; 30

- 2. Is a graduate of a naturopathic medical school or a naturopathic college recognized and approved by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME);
- 3. Is a graduate of a naturopathic medical school that was at the time licensed by a state board of education and approved by that state's naturopathic licensure board, which has requirements comparable to those of this state; or
- 4. Is a graduate of an international medical school listed by the World Health Organization (WHO) and deemed eligible by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) to be examined in the basic and clinical medical sciences, or a graduate of an accredited United States allopathic or osteopathic medical school, and has completed a 2-year course in naturopathic medicine from a naturopathic medical school or a naturopathic college recognized and approved by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education(CNME).
- (f) Has submitted to the department a set of fingerprints on a form and in accordance with procedures specified by the department, along with payment in an amount equal to the costs incurred by the department for the criminal background check of the applicant.
- (g) Has obtained on the examinations in basic medical and clinical medical sciences a passing score, as established by rule of the board, from one of the following:
- 1. Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination
 (NPLEX), administered by the North American Board of

 Naturopathic Examiners (NABNE), with a converted score of not
 less than 75 on all part one examinations and a converted
 score of not less than 75 on all part two examinations, or
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- 2. Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX), medical examination parts one and two, with a minimum score of 70 on part one (basic medical sciences) and a minimum score of 75 on part two (clinical medical sciences);
- United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE), medical examination parts one and two, with a minimum score of 70 on part one (basic medical sciences) and a minimum score of 75 on part two (clinical medical sciences);
- 4. State or national board examination for licensure in another state which is comparable to the examination for licensure in this state;
- 5. A Department of Health special purpose examination (SPEX) for applicants who are in unusual circumstances; or
- Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX), with a minimum score of 70 on part one (basic medical sciences) and a minimum score of 75 on part two (clinical medical sciences).
- Has completed an approved internship or residency (h) of at least 1 year.
- (i) Is physically and mentally fit to practice as a doctor of naturopathic medicine.
- Has not had her or his license to practice any profession refused, revoked, or suspended by any other state, district, or territory of the United States or another country for reasons that relate to her or his ability to skillfully and safely practice as a doctor of naturopathic medicine or naturopathic physician in this state.
 - (k) Has not been found guilty of a felony.
- As prescribed by board rule, the board may require an applicant who does not pass the licensing examination after five attempts to complete additional remedial education or 31

 training. The board shall prescribe the additional requirements in a manner that permits the applicant to complete the requirements and be reexamined within 2 years after the date the applicant petitions the board to retake the examination a sixth or subsequent time.

- applicants for licensure meet the criteria in subsection (1) through an investigative process. When the investigation is not completed within the time set out in s. 120.60(1) and the department or board has reason to believe that the applicant does not meet the criteria, the secretary or the secretary's designee may issue a 90-day licensure delay, which must be in writing and sufficient to notify the applicant of the reason for the delay. This subsection controls over any conflicting provisions of s. 120.60(1).
- (4) The board may not certify to the department for licensure any applicant who is under investigation in another jurisdiction for an offense that would constitute a violation of this chapter until the investigation has been completed.

 Upon completion of the investigation, s. 462.14 applies.

 Furthermore, the department may not issue an unrestricted license to any individual who has committed an act or offense in any jurisdiction which would constitute the basis for disciplining a naturopathic physician under s. 462.14. If the board finds that an individual has committed an act or offense in any jurisdiction which would constitute the basis for disciplining a naturopathic physician under s. 462.14, the board may enter an order imposing one or more of the sanctions set forth in subsection (7).

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- (5) Each applicant who meets the requirements of this chapter shall be licensed as a doctor of naturopathic medicine or naturopathic physician, with rights as defined by law.
- (6) Upon certification by the board, the department shall impose conditions, limitations, or restrictions on a license if the applicant is on probation in another jurisdiction for an act that would constitute a violation of this chapter.
- (7) If the board determines that an applicant for licensure has failed to meet, to the board's satisfaction, any of the applicable requirements set forth in this section, it may enter an order that imposes one or more of the following sanctions:
- (a) Refusal to certify to the department an application for licensure.
- (b) Certification to the department of an application for licensure with restrictions on the scope of practice of the doctor of naturopathic medicine or naturopathic physician.
- (c) Certification to the department of an application for licensure with placement of the doctor of naturopathic medicine or naturopathic physician on probation for a period of time and subject to such conditions as the board specifies, including, but not limited to, requiring the doctor of naturopathic medicine or naturopathic physician to submit to treatment, attend continuing education courses, submit to reexamination, or work under the supervision of another doctor of naturopathic medicine or naturopathic physician.
- (8) A physician who holds the doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy degree, who has completed a 1-year internship approved by the American Medical Association or the American Osteopathic Association, and who is licensed under

this section as a doctor of naturopathic medicine or naturopathic physician has rights and privileges equal to 2 3 those of physicians licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459. Section 14. Section 462.195, Florida Statutes, is 4 5 created to read: 6 462.195 Exemptions from naturopathic licensure 7 requirements. -- Licensure requirements for practitioners of 8 naturopathic medicine under this chapter are inapplicable to: 9 (1) Any individual who is engaged in selling vitamins, 10 health foods, dietary supplements, herbs, or other products of 11 nature, the sale of which is not otherwise prohibited under state or federal law. This exemption does not: 12 13 (a) Allow a person to diagnose any human disease, 14 ailment, injury, infirmity, deformity, pain, or other 15 condition; or Prohibit providing information regarding any of 16 17 the products listed in this subsection, which information is truthful and is not misleading. 18 19 (2) Any individual who is: (a) Engaged in good faith in the practice of the 20 21 religious tenets of any church or religious belief, without the use of prescription drugs; or 22 (b) Acting in good faith for religious reasons as a 23 24 matter of conscience or on the basis of a personal belief when obtaining or providing information regarding health care and 25 the use of any product. 26 27 (3) Any individual who is administering a domestic or 28 family remedy. 29 Section 15. Section 462.2001, Florida Statutes, is 30 amended to read:

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462.2001 Saving clause.--All licenses to practice naturopathy issued pursuant to this chapter and valid on July 1, 2004 October 1, 1985, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 16. Licensed doctors of naturopathic medicine or naturopathic physicians (N.M.D.'s, N.D.'s, or N.P.'s) on the effective date of this act shall retain the same rights and privileges as they had before implementation of the amendments to chapter 462, Florida Statutes, by this act.

Section 17. Paragraph (g) of subsection (3) of section 20.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 20.43 Department of Health.--There is created a Department of Health.
- (3) The following divisions of the Department of Health are established:
- (g) Division of Medical Quality Assurance, which is responsible for the following boards and professions established within the division:
- 1. The Board of Acupuncture, created under chapter 457.
 - 2. The Board of Medicine, created under chapter 458.
- 3. The Board of Osteopathic Medicine, created under chapter 459.
- 4. The Board of Chiropractic Medicine, created under chapter 460.
- 5. The Board of Podiatric Medicine, created under chapter 461.
- 6. The Board of Naturopathic Medicine Naturopathy, created as provided under chapter 462.
 - 7. The Board of Optometry, created under chapter 463.

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- 8. The Board of Nursing, created under part I of chapter 464.
- 9. Nursing assistants, as provided under part II of chapter 464.
 - 10. The Board of Pharmacy, created under chapter 465.
 - 11. The Board of Dentistry, created under chapter 466.
 - 12. Midwifery, as provided under chapter 467.
- 13. The Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, created under part I of chapter 468.
- 14. The Board of Nursing Home Administrators, created under part II of chapter 468.
- 15. The Board of Occupational Therapy, created under part III of chapter 468.
- 16. Respiratory therapy, as provided under part V of chapter 468.
 - 17. Dietetics and nutrition practice, as provided under part X of chapter 468.
 - 18. The Board of Athletic Training, created under part XIII of chapter 468.
 - 19. The Board of Orthotists and Prosthetists, created under part XIV of chapter 468.
 - 20. Electrolysis, as provided under chapter 478.
 - 21. The Board of Massage Therapy, created under chapter 480.
 - 22. The Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel, created under part III of chapter 483.
 - 23. Medical physicists, as provided under part IV of chapter 483.
- 29 24. The Board of Opticianry, created under part I of 30 chapter 484.

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1 The Board of Hearing Aid Specialists, created 2 under part II of chapter 484. 3 The Board of Physical Therapy Practice, created 4 under chapter 486. 5 The Board of Psychology, created under chapter 27. 6 490. 7 28. School psychologists, as provided under chapter 8 490. 9 29. The Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and 10 Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling, created under 11 chapter 491. Section 18. Subsection (1) of section 381.0031, 12 Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 13 381.0031 Report of diseases of public health 14 significance to department .--15 (1) Any practitioner licensed in this state to 16 17 practice medicine, osteopathic medicine, chiropractic 18 medicine, naturopathic medicine naturopathy, or veterinary 19 medicine; any hospital licensed under part I of chapter 395; 20 or any laboratory licensed under chapter 483 that diagnoses or suspects the existence of a disease of public health 21 22 significance shall immediately report the fact to the 23 Department of Health. 24 This section does not affect s. 384.25. 25 26 Section 19. Subsection (10) of section 468.301, 27 Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 28 468.301 Definitions.--As used in this part, the term:

licensed or otherwise authorized by law to practice medicine,

(10) "Licensed practitioner" means a person who is

31 | podiatric medicine, chiropody, osteopathic medicine,

<u>naturopathic medicine</u> <u>naturopathy</u>, or chiropractic medicine in this state.

Section 20. Subsection (1) of section 476.044, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

476.044 Exemptions.--This chapter does not apply to the following persons when practicing pursuant to their professional responsibilities and duties:

(1) Persons authorized under the laws of this state to practice medicine, surgery, osteopathic medicine, chiropractic medicine, naturopathic medicine naturopathy, or podiatric medicine;

Section 21. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 477.0135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

477.0135 Exemptions.--

- (1) This chapter does not apply to the following persons when practicing pursuant to their professional or occupational responsibilities and duties:
- (a) Persons authorized under the laws of this state to practice medicine, surgery, osteopathic medicine, chiropractic medicine, massage, <u>naturopathic medicine</u> naturopathy, or podiatric medicine.

Section 22. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 485.003, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

485.003 Definitions.--In construing this chapter, the words, phrases, or terms, unless the context otherwise indicates, shall have the following meanings:

(2) "Healing arts" shall mean the practice of medicine, surgery, psychiatry, dentistry, osteopathic medicine, chiropractic medicine, <u>naturopathic medicine</u> naturopathy, podiatric medicine, chiropody, psychology,

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clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, mental health counseling, and optometry.

(3) "Practitioner of the healing arts" shall mean a person licensed under the laws of the state to practice medicine, surgery, psychiatry, dentistry, osteopathic medicine, chiropractic medicine, naturopathic medicine naturopathy, podiatric medicine, chiropody, psychology, clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, mental health counseling, or optometry within the scope of his or her professional training and competence and within the purview of the statutes applicable to his or her respective profession, and who may refer a patient for treatment by a qualified person, who shall employ hypnotic techniques under the supervision, direction, prescription, and responsibility of such referring practitioner.

Section 23. Subsection (1) of section 486.161, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

486.161 Exemptions.--

(1) No provision of this chapter shall be construed to prohibit any person licensed in this state from using any physical agent as a part of, or incidental to, the lawful practice of her or his profession under the statutes applicable to the profession of chiropractic physician, podiatric physician, doctor of medicine, massage therapist, nurse, osteopathic physician or surgeon, occupational therapist, or naturopathic physician naturopath.

Section 24. Paragraph (h) of subsection (4) of section 627.351, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.351 Insurance risk apportionment plans.--

- (4) MEDICAL MALPRACTICE RISK APPORTIONMENT. --
- (h) As used in this subsection:

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- "Health care provider" means hospitals licensed under chapter 395; physicians licensed under chapter 458; osteopathic physicians licensed under chapter 459; podiatric physicians licensed under chapter 461; dentists licensed under chapter 466; chiropractic physicians licensed under chapter 460; naturopathic physicians naturopaths licensed under chapter 462; nurses licensed under part I of chapter 464; midwives licensed under chapter 467; clinical laboratories registered under chapter 483; physician assistants licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459; physical therapists and physical therapist assistants licensed under chapter 486; health maintenance organizations certificated under part I of chapter 641; ambulatory surgical centers licensed under chapter 395; other medical facilities as defined in subparagraph 2.; blood banks, plasma centers, industrial clinics, and renal dialysis facilities; or professional associations, partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, or other associations for professional activity by health care providers.
- 2. "Other medical facility" means a facility the primary purpose of which is to provide human medical diagnostic services or a facility providing nonsurgical human medical treatment, to which facility the patient is admitted and from which facility the patient is discharged within the same working day, and which facility is not part of a hospital. However, a facility existing for the primary purpose of performing terminations of pregnancy or an office maintained by a physician or dentist for the practice of medicine shall not be construed to be an "other medical facility."

1	3. "Health care facility" means any hospital licensed		
2	under chapter 395, health maintenance organization		
3	certificated under part I of chapter 641, ambulatory surgical		
4	center licensed under chapter 395, or other medical facility		
5	as defined in subparagraph 2.		
6	Section 25. Subsection (19) of section 893.02, Florida		
7	Statutes, is amended to read:		
8	893.02 DefinitionsThe following words and phrases		
9	as used in this chapter shall have the following meanings,		
10	unless the context otherwise requires:		
11	(19) "Practitioner" means a physician licensed		
12	pursuant to chapter 458, a dentist licensed pursuant to		
13	chapter 466, a veterinarian licensed pursuant to chapter 474,		
14	an osteopathic physician licensed pursuant to chapter 459, a		
15	naturopathic physician naturopath licensed pursuant to chapter		
16	462, or a podiatric physician licensed pursuant to chapter		
17	461, provided such practitioner holds a valid federal		
18	controlled substance registry number.		
19	Section 26. Paragraph (g) of subsection (3) of section		
20	921.0022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:		
21	921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity		
22	ranking chart		
23	(3) OFFENSE SEVERITY RANKING CHART		
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25	Florida Felony		
26	Statute Degree Description		
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29	(g) LEVEL 7		
30	316.027(1)(b) 2nd Accident involving death, failure		
31	to stop; leaving scene.		

1	316.193(3)(c)2.	3rd	DUI resulting in serious bodily
2			injury.
3	327.35(3)(c)2.	3rd	Vessel BUI resulting in serious
4			bodily injury.
5	402.319(2)	2nd	Misrepresentation and negligence
6			or intentional act resulting in
7			great bodily harm, permanent
8			disfiguration, permanent
9			disability, or death.
10	409.920(2)	3rd	Medicaid provider fraud.
11	456.065(2)	3rd	Practicing a health care
12			profession without a license.
13	456.065(2)	2nd	Practicing a health care
14			profession without a license
15			which results in serious bodily
16			injury.
17	458.327(1)	3rd	Practicing medicine without a
18			license.
19	459.013(1)	3rd	Practicing osteopathic medicine
20			without a license.
21	460.411(1)	3rd	Practicing chiropractic medicine
22			without a license.
23	461.012(1)	3rd	Practicing podiatric medicine
24			without a license.
25	462.17	3rd	Practicing <u>naturopathic medicine</u>
26			naturopathy without a license.
27	463.015(1)	3rd	Practicing optometry without a
28			license.
29	464.016(1)	3rd	Practicing nursing without a
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1	465.015(2)	3rd	Practicing pharmacy without a
2			license.
3	466.026(1)	3rd	Practicing dentistry or dental
4			hygiene without a license.
5	467.201	3rd	Practicing midwifery without a
6			license.
7	468.366	3rd	Delivering respiratory care
8			services without a license.
9	483.828(1)	3rd	Practicing as clinical laboratory
10			personnel without a license.
11	483.901(9)	3rd	Practicing medical physics
12			without a license.
13	484.013(1)(c)	3rd	Preparing or dispensing optical
14			devices without a prescription.
15	484.053	3rd	Dispensing hearing aids without a
16			license.
17	494.0018(2)	1st	Conviction of any violation of
18			ss. 494.001-494.0077 in which the
19			total money and property
20			unlawfully obtained exceeded
21			\$50,000 and there were five or
22			more victims.
23	560.123(8)(b)1.	3rd	Failure to report currency or
24			payment instruments exceeding
25			\$300 but less than \$20,000 by
26			money transmitter.
27	560.125(5)(a)	3rd	Money transmitter business by
28			unauthorized person, currency or
29			payment instruments exceeding
30			\$300 but less than \$20,000.
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1	655.50(10)(b)1.	3rd	Failure to report financial
2			transactions exceeding \$300 but
3			less than \$20,000 by financial
4			institution.
5	782.051(3)	2nd	Attempted felony murder of a
6			person by a person other than the
7			perpetrator or the perpetrator of
8			an attempted felony.
9	782.07(1)	2nd	Killing of a human being by the
10			act, procurement, or culpable
11			negligence of another
12			(manslaughter).
13	782.071	2nd	Killing of human being or viable
14			fetus by the operation of a motor
15			vehicle in a reckless manner
16			(vehicular homicide).
17	782.072	2nd	Killing of a human being by the
18			operation of a vessel in a
19			reckless manner (vessel
20			homicide).
21	784.045(1)(a)1.	2nd	Aggravated battery; intentionally
22			causing great bodily harm or
23			disfigurement.
24	784.045(1)(a)2.	2nd	Aggravated battery; using deadly
25			weapon.
26	784.045(1)(b)	2nd	Aggravated battery; perpetrator
27			aware victim pregnant.
28	784.048(4)	3rd	Aggravated stalking; violation of
29			injunction or court order.
30	784.07(2)(d)	1st	Aggravated battery on law
31			enforcement officer.

1	784.074(1)(a)	1st	Aggravated battery on sexually
2			violent predators facility staff.
3	784.08(2)(a)	1st	Aggravated battery on a person 65
4			years of age or older.
5	784.081(1)	1st	Aggravated battery on specified
6			official or employee.
7	784.082(1)	1st	Aggravated battery by detained
8			person on visitor or other
9			detainee.
10	784.083(1)	1st	Aggravated battery on code
11			inspector.
12	790.07(4)	1st	Specified weapons violation
13			subsequent to previous conviction
14			of s. 790.07(1) or (2).
15	790.16(1)	1st	Discharge of a machine gun under
16			specified circumstances.
17	790.165(2)	2nd	Manufacture, sell, possess, or
18			deliver hoax bomb.
19	790.165(3)	2nd	Possessing, displaying, or
20			threatening to use any hoax bomb
21			while committing or attempting to
22			commit a felony.
23	790.166(3)	2nd	Possessing, selling, using, or
24			attempting to use a hoax weapon
25			of mass destruction.
26	790.166(4)	2nd	Possessing, displaying, or
27			threatening to use a hoax weapon
28			of mass destruction while
29			committing or attempting to
30			commit a felony.
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1	796.03	2nd	Procuring any person under 16
2			years for prostitution.
3	800.04(5)(c)1.	2nd	Lewd or lascivious molestation;
4			victim less than 12 years of age;
5			offender less than 18 years.
6	800.04(5)(c)2.	2nd	Lewd or lascivious molestation;
7			victim 12 years of age or older
8			but less than 16 years; offender
9			18 years or older.
10	806.01(2)	2nd	Maliciously damage structure by
11			fire or explosive.
12	810.02(3)(a)	2nd	Burglary of occupied dwelling;
13			unarmed; no assault or battery.
14	810.02(3)(b)	2nd	Burglary of unoccupied dwelling;
15			unarmed; no assault or battery.
16	810.02(3)(d)	2nd	Burglary of occupied conveyance;
17			unarmed; no assault or battery.
18	812.014(2)(a)	1st	Property stolen, valued at
19			\$100,000 or more; cargo stolen
20			valued at \$50,000 or more;
21			property stolen while causing
22			other property damage; 1st degree
23			grand theft.
24	812.014(2)(b)3.	2nd	Property stolen, emergency
25			medical equipment; 2nd degree
26			grand theft.
27	812.0145(2)(a)	1st	Theft from person 65 years of age
28			or older; \$50,000 or more.
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1	812.019(2)	1st	Stolen property; initiates,
2			organizes, plans, etc., the theft
3			of property and traffics in
4			stolen property.
5	812.131(2)(a)	2nd	Robbery by sudden snatching.
6	812.133(2)(b)	1st	Carjacking; no firearm, deadly
7			weapon, or other weapon.
8	817.234(8)(a)	2nd	Solicitation of motor vehicle
9			accident victims with intent to
10			defraud.
11	817.234(9)	2nd	Organizing, planning, or
12			participating in an intentional
13			motor vehicle collision.
14	817.234(11)(c)	1st	Insurance fraud; property value
15			\$100,000 or more.
16	817.2341(2)(b)&		
17	(3)(b)	1st	Making false entries of material
18			fact or false statements
19			regarding property values
20			relating to the solvency of an
21			insuring entity which are a
22			significant cause of the
23			insolvency of that entity.
24	825.102(3)(b)	2nd	Neglecting an elderly person or
25			disabled adult causing great
26			bodily harm, disability, or
27			disfigurement.
28	825.103(2)(b)	2nd	Exploiting an elderly person or
29			disabled adult and property is
30			valued at \$20,000 or more, but
31			less than \$100,000.

1	827.03(3)(b)	2nd	Neglect of a child causing great
2			bodily harm, disability, or
3			disfigurement.
4	827.04(3)	3rd	Impregnation of a child under 16
5			years of age by person 21 years
6			of age or older.
7	837.05(2)	3rd	Giving false information about
8			alleged capital felony to a law
9			enforcement officer.
10	838.015	2nd	Bribery.
11	838.016	2nd	Unlawful compensation or reward
12			for official behavior.
13	838.021(3)(a)	2nd	Unlawful harm to a public
14			servant.
15	838.22	2nd	Bid tampering.
16	872.06	2nd	Abuse of a dead human body.
17	893.13(1)(c)1.	1st	Sell, manufacture, or deliver
18			cocaine (or other drug prohibited
19			under s. 893.03(1)(a), (1)(b),
20			(1)(d), $(2)(a)$, $(2)(b)$, or
21			(2)(c)4.) within 1,000 feet of a
22			child care facility, school, or
23			state, county, or municipal park
24			or publicly owned recreational
25			facility or community center.
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1	893.13(1)(e)1.	1st	Sell, manufacture, or deliver
2			cocaine or other drug prohibited
3			under s. 893.03(1)(a), (1)(b),
4			(1)(d), (2)(a), (2)(b), or
5			(2)(c)4., within 1,000 feet of
6			property used for religious
7			services or a specified business
8			site.
9	893.13(4)(a)	1st	Deliver to minor cocaine (or
10			other s. 893.03(1)(a), (1)(b),
11			(1)(d), (2)(a), (2)(b), or
12			(2)(c)4. drugs).
13	893.135(1)(a)1.	1st	Trafficking in cannabis, more
14			than 25 lbs., less than 2,000
15			lbs.
16	893.135		
17	(1)(b)1.a.	1st	Trafficking in cocaine, more than
18			28 grams, less than 200 grams.
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20	(1)(c)1.a.	1st	Trafficking in illegal drugs,
21			more than 4 grams, less than 14
22			grams.
23	893.135		
24	(1)(d)1.	1st	Trafficking in phencyclidine,
25			more than 28 grams, less than 200
26			grams.
27	893.135(1)(e)1.	1st	Trafficking in methaqualone, more
28			than 200 grams, less than 5
29			kilograms.
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1	893.135(1)(f)1.	1st	Trafficking in amphetamine, more
2			than 14 grams, less than 28
3			grams.
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5	(1)(g)1.a.	1st	Trafficking in flunitrazepam, 4
6			grams or more, less than 14
7			grams.
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9	(1)(h)1.a.	1st	Trafficking in
10			gamma-hydroxybutyric acid (GHB),
11			1 kilogram or more, less than 5
12			kilograms.
13	893.135		
14	(1)(j)1.a.	1st	Trafficking in 1,4-Butanediol, 1
15			kilogram or more, less than 5
16			kilograms.
17	893.135		
18	(1)(k)2.a.	1st	Trafficking in Phenethylamines,
19			10 grams or more, less than 200
20			grams.
21	896.101(5)(a)	3rd	Money laundering, financial
22			transactions exceeding \$300 but
23			less than \$20,000.
24	896.104(4)(a)1.	3rd	Structuring transactions to evade
25			reporting or registration
26			requirements, financial
27			transactions exceeding \$300 but
28			less than \$20,000.
29	Section 27.	This ac	t shall take effect July 1, 2004.
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