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By Senate Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Pflug, Keiser, and Kohl-Welles)

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1 AN ACT Relating to naturopathic physicians; and amending RCW
2 18.36A.020 and 18.36A.040.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.36A.020 and 2005 c 158 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
7 this section apply throughout this chapter.

8 (1) "Department" means the department of health.

9 (2) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's
10 designee.

11 (3) "Naturopath" means an individual licensed under this chapter.

12 (4) "Committee" means the Washington state naturopathic practice
13 advisory committee.

14 (5) "Educational program" means an accredited program preparing
15 persons for the practice of naturopathic medicine.

16 (6) "Nutrition and food science" means the prevention and treatment
17 of disease or other human conditions through the use of foods, water,
18 herbs, roots, bark, or natural food elements.

1 (7) "Manual manipulation" or "mechanotherapy" means manipulation of
2 a part or the whole of the body by hand or by mechanical means.

3 (8) "Physical modalities" means use of physical, chemical,
4 electrical, and other (~~noninvasive~~) modalities that do not exceed
5 those used as of the effective date of this section in minor office
6 procedures or common diagnostic procedures, including but not limited
7 to heat, cold, air, light, water in any of its forms, sound, massage,
8 and therapeutic exercise.

9 (9) "Homeopathy" means a system of medicine based on the use of
10 infinitesimal doses of medicines capable of producing symptoms similar
11 to those of the disease treated, as listed in the homeopathic
12 pharmacopeia of the United States.

13 (10) "Naturopathic medicines" means vitamins; minerals; botanical
14 medicines; homeopathic medicines; hormones; and those legend drugs and
15 controlled substances consistent with naturopathic medical practice in
16 accordance with rules established by the secretary. Controlled
17 substances are limited to codeine and testosterone products that are
18 contained in Schedules III, IV, and V in chapter 69.50 RCW.

19 (11) "Hygiene and immunization" means the use of such preventative
20 techniques as personal hygiene, asepsis, public health, and
21 immunizations, to the extent allowed by rule.

22 (12) "Minor office procedures" means care and procedures incident
23 thereto of superficial lacerations, lesions, and abrasions, and the
24 removal of foreign bodies located in superficial structures, not to
25 include the eye; and the use of antiseptics and topical or local
26 anesthetics in connection therewith. "Minor office procedures" also
27 includes intramuscular, intravenous, subcutaneous, and intradermal
28 injections of substances consistent with the practice of naturopathic
29 medicine and in accordance with rules established by the secretary.

30 (13) "Common diagnostic procedures" means the use of venipuncture
31 consistent with the practice of naturopathic medicine, commonly used
32 diagnostic modalities consistent with naturopathic practice, health
33 history taking, physical examination, radiography, examination of body
34 orifices excluding endoscopy, laboratory medicine, and obtaining
35 samples of human tissues, but excluding incision or excision beyond
36 that which is authorized as a minor office procedure.

37 (14) "Suggestion" means techniques including but not limited to
38 counseling, biofeedback, and hypnosis.

1 (15) "Radiography" means the ordering, but not the interpretation,
2 of radiographic diagnostic and other imaging studies and the taking and
3 interpretation of standard radiographs.

4 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.36A.040 and 2005 c 158 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Naturopathic medicine is the practice by naturopaths of the art and
7 science of the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of disorders of the
8 body by stimulation or support, or both, of the natural processes of
9 the human body. A naturopath is responsible and accountable to the
10 consumer for the quality of naturopathic care rendered.

11 The practice of naturopathic medicine includes manual manipulation
12 (mechanotherapy), the prescription, administration, dispensing, and
13 use, except for the treatment of malignancies, of nutrition and food
14 science, physical modalities, minor office procedures, homeopathy,
15 naturopathic medicines, hygiene and immunization, ((~~non~~drug))
16 contraceptive devices, common diagnostic procedures, and suggestion;
17 however, nothing in this chapter shall prohibit consultation and
18 treatment of a patient in concert with a practitioner licensed under
19 chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW. No person licensed under this chapter may
20 employ the term "chiropractic" to describe any services provided by a
21 naturopath under this chapter.

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