

**SHB 2004 - H AMD 259**

By Representative Green

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

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4 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 18.36A  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) A naturopath licensed under this chapter may delegate the  
7 application of certain health care modalities to an unlicensed  
8 practitioner under the following conditions:

9 (a) The supervising naturopath shall ensure that the unlicensed  
10 practitioner has sufficient training and competency to deliver the  
11 delegated modalities in a manner that is consistent with all current  
12 standards for public safety;

13 (b) The unlicensed practitioner has liability coverage for the  
14 delegated modalities; and

15 (c) The unlicensed practitioner has a written emergency protocol  
16 to address urgent needs that may occur as a result of the delegated  
17 modalities.

18 (2) For purposes of this section, "certain health care modalities"  
19 means those therapeutic procedures that do not require direct, one-on-  
20 one contact by the naturopath and may include colon hydrotherapy  
21 performed at a facility other than the supervising naturopath's  
22 office.

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24 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.36A.050 and 1991 c 3 s 90 are each amended to read  
25 as follows:

26 Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit or  
27 restrict:

1 (1) The practice of a profession by individuals who are licensed,  
2 certified, or registered under other laws of this state who are  
3 performing services within their authorized scope of practice;

4 (2) The practice of naturopathic medicine by an individual  
5 employed by the government of the United States while the individual  
6 is engaged in the performance of duties prescribed for him or her by  
7 the laws and regulations of the United States;

8 (3) The practice of naturopathic medicine by students enrolled in  
9 a school approved by the secretary. The performance of services shall  
10 be pursuant to a course of instruction or assignments from an  
11 instructor and under the supervision of the instructor. The  
12 instructor shall be a naturopath licensed pursuant to this chapter;  
13 ((or))

14 (4) The practice of oriental medicine or oriental herbology, or  
15 the rendering of other dietary or nutritional advice; or

16 (5) The practice of certain health care modalities delegated to  
17 unlicensed practitioners under section 1 of this act."

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**EFFECT:** Strikes all of the provisions in the underlying bill (authorizing the practice of colony hydrotherapy by an unlicensed practitioner under the indirect supervision of a naturopath. Instead, authorizes a naturopath to delegate "certain health care modalities" to an unlicensed practitioner if: (1) the supervising naturopath ensures that the unlicensed practitioner has sufficient training and competency to deliver the modalities in a manner that is consistent with all current standards of public safety, (2) the unlicensed practitioner has liability coverage for the delegated modalities, and (3) the unlicensed practitioner has a written emergency protocol to address urgent needs that may occur as a result of the delegated modalities. "Certain health care modalities" are defined as therapeutic procedures that do not require direct, one-on-one contact by the naturopath and may include colon hydrotherapy performed at a facility other than the supervising physician's office.

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