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By House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Ruderman, Pflug, Cody, Skinner, Clibborn, Benson, Chase, Anderson, Campbell, Conway and Dickerson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to naturopaths; amending RCW 18.36A.020 and
2 18.36A.040; and creating a new section.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.36A.020 and 1991 c 3 s 87 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 ((a)) an accredited program
15 preparing persons for the practice of ((naturopathy)) naturopathic
16 medicine.

17 (6) "Nutrition and food science" means the prevention and treatment
18 of disease or other human conditions through the use of foods, water,
19 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 including, but not
5 limited to heat, cold, air, light, water in any of its forms, sound,
6 massage, and therapeutic exercise.

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

11 (~~("Medicines of mineral, animal, and botanical origin" means~~
12 ~~medicines derived from animal organs, tissues, and oils, minerals, and~~
13 ~~plants administered orally and topically, excluding legend drugs with~~
14 ~~the following exceptions: Vitamins, minerals, whole gland thyroid, and~~
15 ~~substances as exemplified in traditional botanical and herbal~~
16 ~~pharmacopoeia, and nondrug contraceptive devices excluding interuterine~~
17 ~~devices. The use of intermuscular injections are limited to vitamin~~
18 ~~B-12 preparations and combinations when clinical and/or laboratory~~
19 ~~evaluation has indicated vitamin B-12 deficiency. The use of~~
20 ~~controlled substances is prohibited.)) "Naturopathic medicines" means
21 vitamins; minerals; botanical medicines; homeopathic medicines;
22 hormones; nondrug contraceptive devices; and those legend drugs and
23 controlled substances consistent with naturopathic medical practice in
24 accordance with rules established by the secretary. Controlled
25 substances are limited to codeine and testosterone products that are
26 contained in Schedules III, IV, and V in chapter 69.50 RCW.
27 Naturopaths may administer intramuscular, intravenous, subcutaneous,
28 and intradermal injections of substances appropriate to the practice of
29 naturopathic medicine and in accordance with rules established by the
30 secretary.~~

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

34 (12) "Minor office procedures" means care and procedures incident
35 thereto of superficial lacerations, lesions, and abrasions, and the
36 removal of foreign bodies located in superficial structures, not to
37 include the eye; and the use of antiseptics and topical or local
38 anesthetics in connection therewith.

1 (13) "Common diagnostic procedures" means the use of venipuncture
2 (~~to withdraw blood~~) consistent with the practice of naturopathic
3 medicine, commonly used diagnostic modalities consistent with
4 naturopathic practice, health history taking, physical examination,
5 radiography, examination of body orifices excluding endoscopy, (~~and~~)
6 laboratory medicine (~~which obtains~~), and obtaining samples of human
7 tissues (~~products~~), (~~including superficial scrapings~~) but excluding
8 (~~procedures which would require surgical~~) incision or excision beyond
9 that which is authorized as a minor office procedure.

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

12 (15) "Radiography" means the ordering, but not the interpretation,
13 of radiographic diagnostic and other imaging studies and the taking and
14 interpretation of standard radiographs.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.36A.040 and 1991 c 3 s 89 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 Naturopathic medicine (~~or naturopathy~~) is the practice by
18 naturopaths of the art and science of the diagnosis, prevention, and
19 treatment of disorders of the body by stimulation or support, or both,
20 of the natural processes of the human body, and the treatment of
21 disorder and disease, using the least interventive, most natural
22 treatments first, resorting to more interventive prescriptive medicines
23 only when necessary. A naturopath is responsible and accountable to
24 the consumer for the quality of naturopathic care rendered.

25 The practice of (~~naturopathy~~) naturopathic medicine includes
26 manual manipulation (mechanotherapy), the prescription, administration,
27 dispensing, and use, except for the treatment of malignancies (~~or~~
28 ~~neoplastic disease~~), of nutrition and food science, physical
29 modalities, minor office procedures, homeopathy, (~~certain~~)
30 naturopathic medicines (~~of mineral, animal, and botanical origin~~),
31 hygiene and immunization, common diagnostic procedures, and suggestion;
32 however, nothing in this chapter shall prohibit consultation and
33 treatment of a patient in concert with a practitioner licensed under
34 chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW. No person licensed under this chapter may
35 employ the term "chiropractic" to describe any services provided by a
36 naturopath under this chapter.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The secretary, in consultation with the
2 naturopathic advisory committee and the Washington state board of
3 pharmacy, shall develop education and training requirements for the use
4 of controlled substances authorized under this act. The requirements
5 must be met by the naturopath prior to being authorized to prescribe
6 controlled substances under this act.

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