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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; and other substances as exemplified in standard naturopathic
23 medical texts, journals, and pharmacopeia, including nondrug
24 contraceptive devices. "Naturopathic medicines" include legend
25 antibiotics as set forth in *Drug Facts and Comparisons 2001 Edition*
26 (Published by Facts and Comparisons, St. Louis, MO.) and codeine and
27 testosterone in schedules III-V of the uniform controlled substances
28 act consistent with naturopathic medical practice in forms, doses, and
29 for uses that are generally approved, and in accordance with rules
30 adopted by the secretary. Naturopaths may administer intermuscular,
31 intramuscular, intravenous, subcutaneous, and intradermal injections of
32 substances appropriate to the practice of naturopathic medicine.
33 However, intravenous injections may only be used to provide parenteral
34 nutrients and saline for dehydrated patients. The secretary shall
35 determine, by rule, which other substances are appropriate.~~

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

1 (12) "Minor office procedures" means care and procedures incident
2 thereto of superficial lacerations, lesions, and abrasions, and the
3 removal of foreign bodies located in superficial structures, not to
4 include the eye; and the use of antiseptics and topical or local
5 anesthetics in connection therewith.

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

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

17 (15) "Radiography" means the ordering, but not the interpretation,
18 of radiographic diagnostic and other imaging studies and the taking and
19 interpretation of standard radiographs.

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

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

30 The practice of (~~naturopathy~~) naturopathic medicine includes
31 manual manipulation (mechanotherapy), the prescription, administration,
32 dispensing, and use, except for the treatment of malignancies (~~or~~
33 ~~neoplastic disease~~), of nutrition and food science, physical
34 modalities, minor office procedures, homeopathy, (~~certain~~)
35 naturopathic medicines (~~of mineral, animal, and botanical origin~~),
36 hygiene and immunization, common diagnostic procedures, and suggestion;
37 however, nothing in this chapter shall prohibit consultation and

1 treatment of a patient in concert with a practitioner licensed under
2 chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW. No person licensed under this chapter may
3 employ the term "chiropractic" to describe any services provided by a
4 naturopath under this chapter.

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

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