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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 334, RSMo, by adding thereto twelve new sections relating to the regulation and licensing of the practice of naturopathic medicine, with penalty provisions.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 334, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto twelve new sections, to  
2 be known as sections 334.650, 334.653, 334.656, 334.659, 334.662, 334.665, 334.668, 334.671,  
3 334.674, 334.677, 334.680, and 334.683, to read as follows:

**334.650. 1. As used in sections 334.650 to 334.683, the following terms shall mean:**

2 (1) "Approved naturopathic college", doctoral-level naturopathic medical  
3 education program that is accredited by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education,  
4 its successor or equivalent, or which is recognized and approved by the state of Missouri  
5 coordinating board of higher education;

6 (2) "Board", the state board of registration for the healing arts;

7 (3) "Department", the department of insurance, financial institutions and  
8 professional registration;

9 (4) "Diagnose", to examine in any manner another person, parts of a person's  
10 body, or substances, fluids, or materials excreted, taken, or removed from a person's body,  
11 or produced by a person's body to determine the source, kind, or extent of a disease or  
12 other physical condition;

13 (5) "Natural medicine", includes:

14 (a) Food, food extracts, and dietary supplements;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

- 15           (b) Plant, animal, mineral, and microbial substances; and
- 16           (c) Homeopathic remedies and substances prepared according to the Homeopathic
- 17 Pharmacopeia of the United States;
- 18           (6) "Naturopathic medicine" or "naturopathy", a system of health care for the
- 19 prevention, diagnosis, and care of human health conditions, injuries, and diseases that uses
- 20 education and natural substances and remedies to support and stimulate the individual's
- 21 intrinsic self-processes;
- 22           (7) "Naturopathic physical medicine", the use of the physical agents of air, water,
- 23 heat, cold, sound, light, and electromagnetic non-ionizing radiation, and the physical
- 24 modalities of electrotherapy, biofeedback, diathermy, ultraviolet light, ultrasound,
- 25 hydrotherapy, exercise, and other electrical devices as approved by the board. The term
- 26 does not include the practice of physical therapy, acupuncture, or chiropractic;
- 27           (8) "Naturopathic physician" or "naturopath", a person licensed to practice
- 28 naturopathic medicine under sections 334.650 to 334.683.
- 29           2. Any person who is not currently a licensed naturopathic doctor within the
- 30 meaning of the law to practice naturopathic medicine in any of its departments shall not
- 31 engage in the practice of naturopathic medicine except as provided by sections 334.650 to
- 32 334.683.
- 33           3. As used in the laws of this state, the terms "naturopath", "naturopathic
- 34 physician", "practitioner of naturopathic medicine", "naturopathy", "N.M.D." (Doctor
- 35 of Naturopathic Medicine), "N.D." (naturopathic doctor), or similar terms shall be
- 36 construed to mean naturopathic physicians licensed under this chapter.
- 37           4. The term "naturopathic physician" and the designation "N.D." shall be used in
- 38 any sign, letterhead, advertisement, solicitation, or other method of addressing the public.
- 334.653. Candidates for licensure as naturopathic physicians shall furnish
- 2 satisfactory evidence of their good moral character and their preliminary qualifications as
- 3 follows:
- 4           (1) File an application with the department;
- 5           (2) Earn a degree of doctor of naturopathy from an approved naturopathic college;
- 6           (3) Pass the naturopathic physician's licensing exam (NPLEX), or its successor or
- 7 equivalent examination, as determined by the board;
- 8           (4) Be at least twenty-one years of age;
- 9           (5) Be a United States citizen or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence
- 10 in the United States; and
- 11           (6) Pay all application and examination fees required by the board.

**334.656. 1.** There is hereby established an "Advisory Commission for Naturopathic Medicine" for the purpose of advising the state board of registration for the healing arts on the licensing and supervising of all naturopathic physicians. The commission shall consist of six members, including one voting public member, to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. At least four members of the commission shall be licensed naturopaths. Each naturopath member of the commission shall be a citizen of the United States, and actively engaged in the practice of naturopathy immediately preceding his or her appointment. One member shall be a healthcare provider licensed under this chapter or chapters 330, 331, 332, 335, 336, 337, or 338, RSMo. All members shall be appointed for a term of four years. Each member shall receive compensation in an amount set by the commission not to exceed fifty dollars for each day devoted to the duties of the commission, and shall be entitled to reimbursement for the member's expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of his or her official duties.

**2.** The commission's initial naturopathic physician members shall be licensed in accordance with sections 334.1051 to 334.1084 on or before August 28, 2008, or one year from the date of their appointment, whichever is later. If for any reason such member is not licensed within such period, a new member shall be appointed.

**3.** The initial appointments to the commission shall be one member for a term of one year, one member for a term of two years, two members for a term of three years, and two members for a term of four years.

**4.** The public member shall, at the time of his or her appointment, be a citizen of the United States, a resident of this state for a period of one year, and a registered voter. The public member shall not be a person who is or ever was a member of any profession licensed or regulated under this chapter or the spouse of such person, or a person who has or has ever had a material financial interest in providing for the professional services regulated by this chapter or an activity or organization directly related to any profession licensed or regulated under this chapter. All members, including public members, shall be chosen from a list submitted by the director of the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration. The duties of the public member shall not include the determination of technical requirements for licensure or whether any person meets such technical requirements or of the technical competence or judgment of a licensee or candidate.

**334.659. 1.** The state board of registration for the healing arts shall:

**(1)** Adopt rules that are necessary or proper for the administration of sections 334.650 to 334.683;

4           (2) Administer and enforce all provisions of sections 334.650 to 334.683 and all  
5 rules adopted by the board under the authority granted in sections 334.650 to 334.683;

6           (3) Set the amount of the fees which sections 334.650 to 334.683 authorize and  
7 require by rules and regulations promulgated under section 536.021, RSMo. The fees shall  
8 be set at a level to produce revenue which shall not substantially exceed the cost and  
9 expense of administering sections 334.650 to 334.683;

10          (4) Deposit all funds received under sections 334.650 to 334.683 in the board of  
11 registration for the healing arts fund established in section 334.050; and

12          (5) Adopt rules for conducting licensing examinations required by sections 334.650  
13 to 334.683.

14          2. The board may:

15           (1) Adopt rules that prescribe continuing medical education for the renewal of  
16 licenses issued under sections 334.650 to 334.683;

17           (2) Employ permanent or temporary personnel it deems necessary to carry out the  
18 purposes of sections 334.650 to 334.683 and designate their duties.

19          3. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo,  
20 that is created under the authority delegated in sections 334.650 to 334.683 shall become  
21 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536,  
22 RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are  
23 nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to  
24 chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and annul a rule  
25 are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any  
26 rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2007, shall be invalid and void.

          334.662. 1. A person who holds a license under sections 334.650 to 334.683 shall  
2 display such document in a conspicuous place that is accessible to view by the public.

3           2. A person who practices, conducts affairs, or is employed at more than one  
4 location and who maintains a continuing activity as authorized by the license shall display  
5 a duplicate of such document issued by the board at each location.

          334.665. 1. All persons desiring to practice as a naturopathic physician in this state  
2 shall be examined as to their fitness to engage in such practice by the board. All persons  
3 applying for examination shall file an application with the department at least thirty days  
4 before the date set for the examination upon applications furnished by the board.

5           2. The examination required for a license under sections 334.650 to 334.683 shall be  
6 the naturopathic physician's licensing examination (NPLEX), its successor examination or  
7 equivalent, as determined by the board.

8           **3. Upon the applicant paying a fee equivalent to the required examination fee and**  
9 **furnishing the board with all locations of previous practice and licensure in chronological**  
10 **order, the board shall, under regulations prescribed by it, admit without examination**  
11 **qualified persons who meet the requirements of sections 334.650 to 334.683, and who hold**  
12 **certificates of licensure in any state or territory of the United States or the District of**  
13 **Columbia authorizing them to practice in the same manner and to the same extent as**  
14 **naturopathic physicians are authorized to practice under sections 334.650 to 334.683.**  
15 **Within the limits of this subsection, the board is authorized and empowered to negotiate**  
16 **reciprocal compacts with licensing boards of other states for admission of licensed**  
17 **practitioners from Missouri in other states.**

**334.668. Sections 334.650 to 334.683 shall not apply to the following persons:**

2           **(1) Any naturopathic practitioner who is employed as a resident in a public**  
3 **hospital, provided such practice is limited to such hospital and is under the supervision of**  
4 **a licensed naturopathic physician;**

5           **(2) Any naturopathic practitioner who is licensed in another state or country and**  
6 **who is meeting a naturopathic practitioner licensed in this state, for purposes of**  
7 **consultation, provided such practice is limited to such consultation;**

8           **(3) Any naturopathic practitioner who is licensed in another state or country and**  
9 **who is visiting a naturopathic or other medical school or teaching hospital in this state to**  
10 **conduct naturopathic instruction for a period not to exceed six months, provided such**  
11 **practice is limited to such instruction and is under the supervision of a licensed**  
12 **naturopathic practitioner under sections 334.650 to 334.683;**

13           **(4) Any naturopathic student who is performing a clinical clerkship and who is**  
14 **matriculated in a naturopathic school which meets standards satisfactory to the**  
15 **department, provided such practice is limited to such clerkship;**

16           **(5) A person engaged in the sale of vitamins, health foods, dietary supplements,**  
17 **herbs, or other products of nature the sale of which is not otherwise prohibited under state**  
18 **or federal law;**

19           **(6) Any other person licensed in this state in any health care profession while the**  
20 **person is practicing within the scope of the license.**

**334.671. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 334.659 to 334.662, a person**  
2 **may be licensed as a naturopathic physician without meeting the requirements of section**  
3 **334.659 if the applicant:**

4           **(1) Is a resident of this state;**

5           **(2) Is at least twenty-one years of age;**

6 (3) Provides a quality level of care for not less than twelve years as defined by the  
7 board created under sections 334.659 to 334.662, and who has filed an affidavit with such  
8 board stating qualifications that rise to a level of competence as determined in the sole  
9 discretion of the board; and

10 (4) Applies for a license pursuant to this section before July 1, 2008.

11 2. A person licensed under this section may use the title naturopathic physician and  
12 any other title allowed under section 334.650 to 334.683.

334.674. Any person who violates any provision of sections 334.650 to 334.683 is  
2 guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

334.677. The board shall not renew any license unless the licensee provides  
2 satisfactory evidence that the licensee has complied with the board's minimum  
3 requirements for continuing education. All persons once licensed to practice naturopathic  
4 medicine in this state shall, on or before the license renewal date, furnish to the board  
5 satisfactory evidence of completion of the requisite number of hours of postsecondary  
6 study, which shall be ten hours during each twelve months of the registration period  
7 immediately preceding the filing of the registration renewal application.

334.680. 1. Every person licensed under the provisions of sections 334.650 to  
2 334.683 shall renew his or her application on or before the registration renewal date. The  
3 application shall be made under oath on a form furnished by the board. The application  
4 shall include, but not be limited to, disclosure of the following:

5 (1) The applicant's full name, the applicant's office and residence address, and the  
6 date and number of his or her license;

7 (2) All final disciplinary actions taken against the applicant; and

8 (3) Information concerning the applicant's current physical and mental fitness to  
9 practice as a naturopathic practitioner.

10 2. A blank form for application for registration shall be mailed to each person  
11 licensed in this state at the person's last known office or residence address. The failure to  
12 receive it does not, however, relieve any person of the duty to register and pay the fee  
13 required by this chapter nor exempt him or her from the penalties provided by sections  
14 334.650 to 334.683 for failure to register.

15 3. If a person licensed by the board does not renew such license by the license  
16 expiration date, such license shall be deemed void. If such person's license is deemed void,  
17 he or she may apply for a reinstatement of such license pursuant to the procedures  
18 established by the board.

334.683. Each applicant for license under sections 334.650 to 334.683 shall  
2 accompany the application for license with a license fee to be paid to the director of

3 revenue. If the application is filed and the fee paid after the license renewal date, a  
4 delinquent fee shall be paid. If, in the opinion of the board, the applicant's failure to  
5 register is caused by extenuating circumstances including illness of the applicant, as  
6 defined by rule, the delinquent fee may be waived by the board. Whenever any new license  
7 is granted to any person under the provisions of sections 334.650 to 334.683, the board  
8 shall, upon application, issue to such licensee a license covering a period from the date of  
9 the issuance of the license to the next renewal date without the payment of any registration  
10 fee.

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