

HB 640 -- Naturopathic Physicians

Sponsor: Dixon

This bill requires the registration and licensure of doctors of naturopathic medicine. The bill:

- (1) Defines the terms related to naturopathic medicine;
- (2) Prohibits the practice of naturopathic medicine without being licensed;
- (3) Creates the Advisory Commission for Naturopathic Medicine;
- (4) Describes the appointment, duties, and powers of the commission;
- (5) Authorizes the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts to adopt rules, give exams, collect fees, and employ personnel for the operation of the commission;
- (6) Requires all persons wishing to practice as naturopathic physicians to be examined by the board as to their fitness to practice;
- (7) Allows licensing exemptions to naturopathic physicians who are licensed to practice in another state;
- (8) Establishes certain criteria which must be met prior to making application with the board for licensure;
- (9) Exempts licensed health care professionals acting within the scope of their profession from the licensing requirements; and
- (10) Requires continuing education as a condition for license renewal.