

HB 905 -- Naturopathic Physicians

Sponsor: Stevenson

This bill requires the registration and licensure of physicians 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 in the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration 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.