

HB 1087 -- Naturopathic Medicine

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This bill establishes requirements for the licensure of naturopathic physicians. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Prohibits the practice of naturopathic medicine or a person to represent himself or herself as a practitioner of naturopathic medicine, with certain exceptions specified in the bill, without being licensed;
- (2) Establishes the Board of Naturopathic Medicine within the Department of Health and Senior Services;
- (3) Specifies the membership, duties, and powers of the board;
- (4) Establishes certain criteria which must be met prior to making application with the board for licensure;
- (5) Requires all persons wishing to practice as naturopathic physicians to be examined by the board as to their fitness to practice;
- (6) Authorizes the board to adopt rules, give exams, collect fees, and employ personnel for the operation of the commission;
- (7) Allows the board to issue a reciprocal license to a naturopathic physician who is licensed to practice in another state if its standards are at least equivalent to Missouri's standards;
- (8) Allows the board to adopt rules requiring continuing education as a condition of license renewal; and
- (9) Requires the board to appoint a naturopathic formulary advisory committee to advise the board and make recommendations regarding the drugs and substances that may be administered by a naturopathic physician under the orders of a physician.