

HB 2124 -- Licensure of Naturopathic Physicians

Sponsor: Schoemehl

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 Advisory Commission for Naturopathic Medicine to advise the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration on the licensing and supervising of naturopathic practitioners;
- (3) Specifies the membership, duties, and powers of the commission;
- (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;
- (7) Exempts certain naturopathic practitioners and other individuals from the provisions of the bill;
- (8) Allows the board to negotiate reciprocal compacts with licensing boards of other states for the admission of licensed practitioners from Missouri in other states;
- (9) Allows the board to adopt rules requiring continuing education as a condition of license renewal; and
- (10) 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.

Any person violating the provisions of the bill will be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.