

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 82nd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1999

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2196

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5 By: Representative Gillespie
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8
9 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PRACTICE OF NATUROPATHY;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "
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Subtitle

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13 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PRACTICE OF
14 NATUROPATHY. "
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Naturopathy.

20 (a) Any person who practices or offers to practice naturopathy or
21 naturopathic healing in Arkansas shall register with the Department of Health
22 on forms prescribed by the department, reregister at intervals the department
23 may require by rule, and pay the registration fee established by the
24 department.

25 (b) A person registered to practice naturopathy or naturopathic healing
26 may counsel individuals and treat human conditions through the use of
27 naturally occurring substances in accordance with the requirements of this
28 section.

29 (c) Practitioners of naturopathy or naturopathic healing, unless also
30 licensed by the Arkansas State Medical Board to practice medicine in Arkansas,
31 shall provide to all clients or patients a written notice stating that the
32 practitioner is not licensed to practice medicine, and further stating that it
33 is unlawful for a practitioner of naturopathy to perform any of the functions
34 listed in subsection (e) of this section which shall be itemized in the
35 notice, and shall post an identical notice in a prominent place, in printing
36 of a size to be easily readable, in each office or location of practice.

1 (d) Practitioners of naturopathy or naturopathic healing may use the
 2 title "Doctor of Naturopathy."

3 (e) It shall be unlawful for a practitioner of naturopathy or
 4 naturopathic healing to:

5 (1) By use of a title or description of services, falsely lead any
 6 person to believe the practitioner is engaged in the practice of medicine as
 7 defined in Arkansas Code 17-95-202;

8 (2) Use x-rays, perform any surgical procedure, inject any
 9 substance into another person by needle, or perform any invasive procedure on
 10 another person;

11 (3) Deliver infants;

12 (4) Prescribe for or provide to another person any drug,
 13 substance, or device regulated by the laws of Arkansas or federal governments
 14 or available by prescription only; or

15 (5) File birth or death certificates or sign claims or
 16 authorization for payment of workers' compensation benefits, Medicare or
 17 Medicaid benefits, or benefits provided for healthcare through other publicly
 18 assisted programs.

19 (f) The department may by rules set forth the standards of education and
 20 experience required to qualify for registration as a naturopath, and, in doing
 21 so, may adopt the standards of a national professional association of
 22 naturopaths.

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 24 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
 25 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
 26 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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 28 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
 29 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
 30 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
 31 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
 32 act are declared to be severable.

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 34 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
 35 hereby repealed.