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**SENATE BILL 17-106**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE REGULATION OF**  
102              **NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF**  
103              **PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
104              **REGULATORY AGENCIES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**  
105              **IMPLEMENTING THE DEPARTMENT'S SUNSET REVIEW**  
106              **RECOMMENDATIONS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**Sunset Process - Senate Health and Human Services**

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
March 24, 2017

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
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SENATE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
February 23, 2017

SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
February 22, 2017

**Committee.** The bill implements the recommendations of the department of regulatory agencies, as contained in the department's sunset review of naturopathic doctors, as follows:

- ! Continues the regulation of naturopathic doctors by the director of the division of professions and occupations for 5 years, until September 1, 2022 (**sections 1 and 2**);
- ! Requires insurance carriers to report to the director any malpractice judgments against or settlements entered into by a naturopathic doctor (**sections 4 and 5**);
- ! Adds naturopathic doctors to the list of persons required to report child abuse or neglect (**section 7**) and mistreatment of at-risk elders and at-risk adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (**section 6**);
- ! Clarifies that the naturopathic formulary that lists the medicines naturopathic doctors may use in the practice of naturopathic medicine includes prescription substances and devices authorized under the "Naturopathic Doctor Act" (**section 3**); and
- ! Corrects the name of the homeopathic pharmacopoeia as it appears in the act (**section 3**).

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **amend**  
3 **(23)(a)** introductory portion; **repeal** (13)(a)(V); and **add** **(23)(a)(VIII)** as  
4 follows:

5           **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**  
6 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**  
7 **declaration - repeal.** (13) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,  
8 will repeal on September 1, 2017:

9           (V) ~~The registering of naturopathic doctors by the director in~~  
10 ~~accordance with article 37.3 of title 12, C.R.S.~~

11           (23) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, ~~will~~ ARE  
12 SCHEDULED FOR repeal on September 1, 2022:

13           (VIII) THE REGISTRATION OF NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS IN  
14 ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 37.3 OF TITLE 12.

1           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-37.3-119, **amend**  
2 (1) as follows:

3           **12-37.3-119. Repeal of article.** (1) This ~~article~~ ARTICLE 37.3 is  
4 repealed, effective ~~September 1, 2017. Prior to the~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2022.  
5 BEFORE ITS repeal, the department of regulatory agencies shall review  
6 ~~registering~~ THE REGISTRATION of naturopathic doctors ~~as provided~~ in  
7 ACCORDANCE WITH section 24-34-104. ~~C.R.S.~~

8           **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-37.3-102, **amend**  
9 the introductory portion, (7), and (11) as follows:

10           **12-37.3-102. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 37.3,  
11 unless the context otherwise requires:

12           (7) "Homeopathic preparations" means medicines prepared  
13 according to the most current version of the "Homeopathic  
14 Pharmacopoeia of the United States/~~revised services~~ REVISION SERVICE".

15           (11) "Naturopathic formulary" means the list of nonprescription  
16 classes of medicines determined by the director that naturopathic doctors  
17 use in the practice of naturopathic medicine. "NATUROPATHIC  
18 FORMULARY" INCLUDES ANY PRESCRIPTION SUBSTANCE OR DEVICE THAT  
19 IS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 37.3.

20           **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-37.3-105, **amend**  
21 (1)(c)(I)(D), (1)(c)(I)(E), and (1)(c)(I)(F); and **add** (1)(c)(I)(G) and  
22 (1)(c)(III) as follows:

23           **12-37.3-105. Practice of naturopathic medicine by**  
24 **naturopathic doctors - exclusions - protected activities - rules.**

25 (1) The practice of naturopathic medicine by a naturopathic doctor  
26 includes the following:

27           (c) (I) Obtaining, dispensing, administering, ordering, or

1 prescribing, as specified, medicines listed in the naturopathic formulary,  
2 which includes:

3 (D) Obtaining and administering vitamins, INCLUDING B6 and  
4 B12; MINERALS; AND AMINO ACIDS;

5 (E) Obtaining, administering, or dispensing substances that are  
6 regulated by the federal food and drug administration but that do not  
7 require a prescription order to be dispensed; and

8 (F) Obtaining and administering vaccines, in accordance with the  
9 ACIP guidelines, for patients who are at least eighteen years of age; AND

10 (G) OBTAINING, ADMINISTERING, DISPENSING, AND PRESCRIBING  
11 HORMONES, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1)(c)(III) OF  
12 THIS SECTION AND WITHIN THE SCOPE OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE AS  
13 DEFINED IN SECTION 12-37.3-102 (12).

14 (III) (A) A NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR MAY OBTAIN, ADMINISTER,  
15 DISPENSE, AND PRESCRIBE HORMONES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
16 (1)(c)(I)(G) OF THIS SECTION ONLY IF THE NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR EITHER  
17 DEVELOPS, EXECUTES, AND SIGNS A COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT WITH A  
18 COLORADO-LICENSED PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN OR AN ADVANCED  
19 PRACTICE NURSE WITH PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OUTLINING THE PROCESS  
20 FOR ESTABLISHING AN INITIAL HORMONE TREATMENT PLAN FOR PATIENTS  
21 OR DEVELOPS A PROCESS WITH A COLORADO-LICENSED PRIMARY CARE  
22 PHYSICIAN OR AN ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE WITH PRESCRIPTIVE  
23 AUTHORITY FOR CONSULTING AND REFERRING A PATIENT FOR PURPOSES OF  
24 ESTABLISHING AN INITIAL HORMONE TREATMENT PLAN.

25 (B) NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION (1)(c)(III): LIMITS THE ABILITY  
26 OF A NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR TO MAKE AN INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT;  
27 REQUIRES SUPERVISION BY A LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR ADVANCED

1 PRACTICE NURSE; PRECLUDES THE USE OF PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT OR  
2 VARIATION ACCORDING TO THE NEEDS OF THE PATIENT; IMPOSES LIABILITY  
3 ON A LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE, IN  
4 DEVELOPING OR SIGNING A COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT, FOR THE  
5 ACTIONS OF THE NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR IN TREATING A PATIENT WITH  
6 HORMONES; IMPOSES LIABILITY ON A NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR, IN  
7 DEVELOPING OR SIGNING A COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT, FOR THE  
8 ACTIONS OF THE LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE IN  
9 CONSULTING REGARDING THE TREATMENT OF A PATIENT WITH HORMONES;  
10 OR REQUIRES THE NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR AND LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR  
11 ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE TO BE PRACTICING IN THE SAME COMMUNITY  
12 OR IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO EACH OTHER IN ORDER TO ENTER INTO A  
13 COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT.

14 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-37.3-114.5  
15 as follows:

16 **12-37.3-114.5. Judgments and settlements - reporting.** IN  
17 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 10-1-125.5, A NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR'S  
18 MALPRACTICE INSURANCE CARRIER SHALL REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR  
19 INFORMATION RELATING TO A FINAL JUDGMENT OR SETTLEMENT AGAINST  
20 THE NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR FOR MALPRACTICE. THE DIRECTOR SHALL  
21 REVIEW THE INFORMATION AND INVESTIGATE AND, AS APPROPRIATE, TAKE  
22 DISCIPLINARY OR OTHER ACTION AGAINST THE NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR.

23 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 10-1-125.5 as  
24 follows:

25 **10-1-125.5. Reporting of malpractice claims against**  
26 **naturopathic doctors.** EACH INSURANCE COMPANY LICENSED TO DO  
27 BUSINESS IN THIS STATE AND ENGAGED IN WRITING MALPRACTICE

1 INSURANCE FOR NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS REGISTERED UNDER ARTICLE  
2 37.3 OF TITLE 12 SHALL SEND TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF  
3 PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY  
4 AGENCIES, IN THE FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER,  
5 INFORMATION RELATING TO EACH MALPRACTICE CLAIM AGAINST A  
6 REGISTERED NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR THAT IS SETTLED OR IN WHICH  
7 JUDGMENT IS RENDERED AGAINST THE INSURED NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR.  
8 THE INSURANCE COMPANY SHALL INCLUDE ANY INFORMATION THE  
9 DIRECTOR DETERMINES NECESSARY TO ENABLE THE DIRECTOR TO  
10 CONDUCT A FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND HEARING.

11 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-6.5-108, **amend**  
12 (1)(b) introductory portion and (1)(b)(I) as follows:

13 **18-6.5-108. Mandatory reports of mistreatment of at-risk**  
14 **elders and at-risk adults with IDD - list of reporters - penalties.**

15 (1) (b) The following persons, whether paid or unpaid, shall report as  
16 required by ~~paragraph (a) of this subsection (1)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF  
17 THIS SECTION:

18 (I) Any person providing health care or health-care-related  
19 services, including general medical, surgical, or nursing services;  
20 medical, surgical, or nursing speciality services; dental services; vision  
21 services; pharmacy services; chiropractic services; NATUROPATHIC  
22 MEDICINE SERVICES; or physical, occupational, musical, or other  
23 therapies;

24 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-3-304, **amend**  
25 (2)(jj) and (2)(kk); and **add** (2)(ll) as follows:

26 **19-3-304. Persons required to report child abuse or neglect.**

27 (2) Persons required to report such abuse or neglect or circumstances or

1 conditions include any:

2 (jj) Person who is registered as a psychologist candidate pursuant  
3 to section 12-43-304 (7), ~~C.R.S.~~; marriage and family therapist candidate  
4 pursuant to section 12-43-504 (5), ~~C.R.S.~~; or licensed professional  
5 counselor candidate pursuant to section 12-43-603 (5), ~~C.R.S.~~; or who is  
6 described in section 12-43-215; ~~C.R.S.~~; and

7 (kk) Emergency medical service providers, as defined in sections  
8 25-3.5-103 (8) and 25-3.5-103 (12) ~~C.R.S.~~; and certified pursuant to part  
9 2 of article 3.5 of title 25; ~~C.R.S.~~ AND

10 (ll) NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR REGISTERED UNDER ARTICLE 37.3 OF  
11 TITLE 12.

12 **SECTION 9. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
13 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
14 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
15 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a  
16 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
17 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
18 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
19 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
20 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
21 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.