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HOUSE BILL 18-1433

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO THE "NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR  
102 ACT", AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REQUIRING A  
103 NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR TO DISCLOSE THAT THE  
104 NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR IS REGISTERED AND UPDATING THE  
105 TERMS THAT A NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR MAY USE.

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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>.)*

As it relates to naturopathic doctors, the bill:

! Requires that the statement provided to a patient before

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

- ! treatment disclose that the naturopathic doctor is registered;
- ! Removes the requirement that naturopathic doctors use the term "registered" in the naturopathic doctor's title;
- ! Requires a naturopathic doctor to qualify any specialty services provided to the public with "naturopathic" or "naturopath"; and
- ! Clarifies the circumstances under which a naturopathic doctor can use the term "physician".

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-37.3-105, **amend**  
3 (3)(b) as follows:

4 **12-37.3-105. Practice of naturopathic medicine by**  
5 **naturopathic doctors - exclusions - protected activities - rules.**

6 (3) (b) Before conducting an initial examination of a patient, a  
7 naturopathic doctor shall obtain the patient's informed consent to the  
8 examination, evidenced by a written statement in a form prescribed by the  
9 director and signed by both the patient and the naturopathic doctor. The  
10 statement must:

11 (I) Disclose that the naturopathic doctor is not a medical doctor or  
12 physician licensed under article 36 of this title **12**;

13 (II) Recommend that the patient have a relationship with a  
14 licensed physician; ~~and~~

15 (III) Indicate that the naturopathic doctor will attempt to develop  
16 and maintain a collaborative relationship with the patient's physician, if  
17 the patient has a relationship with a licensed physician; AND

18 (IV) DISCLOSE THAT THE NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR IS REGISTERED.

19 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-37.3-110, **amend**  
20 (2), (3)(a), and (4); and **add** (2.5) as follows:

21 **12-37.3-110. Persons entitled to practice as naturopathic**

1 **doctors - title protection for naturopathic doctors.** (2) A naturopathic  
2 doctor may use the title "~~registered~~ "naturopathic doctor", or "~~registered~~  
3 "doctor of naturopathy", or the initials "~~R.N.D.~~" "N.D."

4 (2.5) A NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR SHALL QUALIFY ANY SPECIALTY  
5 SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC WITH "NATUROPATHIC" OR  
6 "NATUROPATH".

7 (3) A naturopathic doctor shall not use:

8 (a) The term "physician" IN DESCRIBING THE NATUROPATHIC  
9 DOCTOR'S REGISTERED NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE PRACTICE IN THIS STATE;  
10 EXCEPT THAT THE NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR MAY STATE THE  
11 NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR'S DEGREE, LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, AND PRACTICE  
12 IN OTHER STATES IN DESCRIBING THE NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR'S TRAINING  
13 AND EXPERIENCE, UNLESS THE DISCLOSURE IS FALSE, MISLEADING, OR  
14 DECEPTIVE;

15 (4) Nothing in this section prevents a naturopathic doctor from  
16 disclosing membership in national organizations or associations of  
17 naturopathic physicians UNLESS THE DISCLOSURE IS FALSE, MISLEADING,  
18 OR DECEPTIVE.

19 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
20 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
21 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.