REFERENCE TITLE: naturopathic physicians board

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# **SB 1134**

Introduced by Senator Leff: Representative Stump

# AN ACT

CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF TITLE 32, CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, TO "NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS MEDICAL BOARD"; AMENDING SECTIONS 32-1501, 32-1502, 32-1505, 32-1507, 32-1522.01, 32-1523, 32-1525, 32-1551, 32-1553, 32-1555, 32-1556, 32-1581, 32-4204, 32-4205, 41-1092 AND 41-3015.04, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS MEDICAL BOARD.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Heading change

The article heading of title 32, chapter 14, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is changed from "NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS" to "NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS MEDICAL BOARD".

Sec. 2. Section 32-1501, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 32-1501. <u>Definitions</u>

In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1. "Accepted therapeutic purpose" means treatment of a disease, injury, ailment or infirmity that is competent and generally recognized as safe and effective.
- 2. "Active license" means a current valid license to practice naturopathic medicine.
- 3. "Adequate medical records" means LEGIBLE medical records containing, AT A MINIMUM, sufficient information to identify the patient, SUPPORT the diagnosis, and DESCRIBE the treatment, prescribed ACCURATELY DOCUMENT THE RESULTS, INDICATE ADVICE AND CAUTIONARY WARNING PROVIDED TO THE PATIENT AND PROVIDE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION FOR A SIMILARLY QUALIFIED PRACTITIONER TO ASSUME CONTINUITY OF THE PATIENT'S CARE AT ANY POINT IN THE COURSE OF TREATMENT.
- 4. "Approved clinical training program" or "clinical training program" means a program for naturopathic medical students in which the training occurred or is being conducted by or in conjunction with an approved school of naturopathic medicine.
- 5. "Approved internship program" or "internship" means that the program in which the training occurred or is being conducted has been approved for internship training for physicians or for graduates of a school of naturopathic medicine by the board or was approved or accredited by an educational or professional association recognized by the board or by another state's or country's licensing agency recognized by the board.
- 6. "Approved postdoctoral training" or "postdoctoral training" means that the program in which the training occurred or is being conducted has been approved for specialty training or for graduate medical education in naturopathic medicine by the board or approved or accredited by an educational or professional association recognized by the board or by another state's or country's licensing agency recognized by the board.
- 7. "Approved preceptorship program" or "preceptorship" means that the program in which the training occurred or is being conducted has been approved for preceptorship training for physicians or for graduates of a school of naturopathic medicine by the board or was approved or accredited by an educational or professional association recognized by the board or by another state's or country's licensing agency recognized by the board.
- 8. "Approved school of naturopathic medicine" or "school of naturopathic medicine" means a school or college determined by the board to have an educational program that meets standards prescribed by the council on

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naturopathic medical education, or its successor agency, and that offers a course of study that, on successful completion, results in the awarding of the degree of doctor of naturopathic medicine and whose course of study is either of the following:

- (a) Accredited or a candidate for accreditation by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States secretary of education as a specialized accrediting agency for schools of naturopathic medicine or its successor.
- (b) Accredited or a candidate for accreditation by an accrediting agency recognized by the council for higher education accreditation or its successor.
- 9. "Board" means the naturopathic physicians MEDICAL board of medical examiners.
- 10. "Chelation therapy" means an experimental medical therapy to restore cellular homeostasis through the use of intravenous, metal-binding and bioinorganic agents such as ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid. Chelation therapy does not include experimental therapy used to treat heavy metal poisoning.
- 11. "Completed application" means that the applicant paid the required fees and supplied all documents and information as requested by the board and in a manner acceptable to the board.
- 12. "Controlled substance" means a drug, substance or immediate precursor in schedules I through V of title 36, chapter 27, article 2.
- 13. "Direct supervision" means that a physician who is licensed pursuant to this chapter or chapter 13, 17 or 29 of this title:
- (a) Is physically present and within sight or sound of the person supervised and is available for consultation regarding procedures that the physician has authorized and for which the physician remains responsible.
- (b) Has designated a person licensed pursuant to this chapter or chapter 13, 17 or 29 of this title to provide direct supervision in the physician's absence.
- 14. "Doctor of naturopathic medicine" or "doctor" means a natural person licensed to practice naturopathic medicine under this chapter.
- 15. "Drug" has the same meaning prescribed in section 32-1901 but does not include:
  - (a) Intravenous administration of legend drugs, except for:
- (i) Vitamins, chelation therapy and drugs used in emergency resuscitation and stabilization.
  - (ii) Minerals.
- (b) Controlled substances listed as schedule I or II controlled substances as defined in the federal controlled substances act of 1970 (21 United States Code section 802), except morphine and any homeopathic preparations that are also controlled substances.
  - (c) Cancer chemotherapeutics classified as legend drugs.
  - (d) Antipsychotics.

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- 16. "General supervision" means that the physician is available for consultation regarding procedures that the physician has authorized and for which the physician remains responsible.
- 17. "Legend drug" means any drug defined by section 503(b) of the federal food, drug and cosmetic act and under which definition its label is required to bear the statement "Rx only".
- 18. "Letter of concern" means a nondisciplinary advisory letter that is issued by the board to a person who is regulated under this chapter and that states that while there is insufficient evidence to support disciplinary action the board believes that the person should modify or eliminate certain practices and that continuation of the activities that led to the information being submitted to the board may result in action against the person's license, certificate or registration.
- 19. "Letter of reprimand" means a disciplinary letter that is issued by the board and that informs a person who is regulated under this chapter that the person's conduct violates state or federal law but does not require the board to restrict the person's license, certificate or registration because the person's conduct did not result in harm to a patient or to the public.
- 20. "Limit" means taking a nondisciplinary action that alters the physician's practice or professional activities if the board determines that there is evidence that the physician is or may be mentally or physically unable to safely engage in the practice of medicine.
- 21. "Medical assistant" or "naturopathic medical assistant" means a person who is certified by the board as a medical assistant, who assists a doctor of naturopathic medicine and who may perform delegated procedures that are commensurate with the assistant's education and training under the direct supervision of a doctor of naturopathic medicine and that do not include diagnosing, designing or modifying established treatment programs or those procedures prohibited by the board or by this chapter.
- 22. "Medically incompetent" means a person who is licensed, certified or registered pursuant to this chapter and who lacks sufficient naturopathic medical knowledge or skills, or both, to a degree that is likely to endanger the health of patients.
- 23. "NATURAL SUBSTANCE" MEANS A HOMEOPATHIC, BOTANICAL, NUTRITIONAL OR OTHER SUPPLEMENT THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE A PRESCRIPTION PURSUANT TO FEDERAL LAW BEFORE IT IS PRESCRIBED, DISPENSED OR OTHERWISE FURNISHED TO A PATIENT AND THAT IS PRESCRIBED BY A PHYSICIAN LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER TO ENHANCE HEALTH, PREVENT DISEASE OR TREAT A MEDICAL CONDITION DIAGNOSED BY THE PHYSICIAN.
- 23. 24. "Naturopathic medical student" means a person who is enrolled in a course of study at an approved school of naturopathic medicine.
- 24. 25. "Naturopathic medicine" means medicine as taught in approved schools of naturopathic medicine and in clinical, internship, preceptorship and postdoctoral training programs approved by the board and practiced by a

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recipient of a degree of doctor of naturopathic medicine licensed pursuant to this chapter.

25. 26. "Nurse" means a person licensed pursuant to chapter 15 of this title.

- 26. 27. "Physician" means a doctor of naturopathic medicine licensed pursuant to this chapter.
- 27. 28. "Practice of naturopathic medicine" means a medical system of diagnosing and treating diseases, injuries, ailments, infirmities and other conditions of the human mind and body including by natural means, drugless methods, drugs, nonsurgical methods, devices, physical, electrical, hygienic and sanitary measures and all forms of physical agents and modalities.
- 28. 29. "Restrict" means taking a disciplinary action that alters the physician's practice or professional activities if the board determines that there is evidence that the physician is or may be medically incompetent or guilty of unprofessional conduct.
- 29. 30. "Specialist" means a physician who has successfully completed approved postdoctoral training, who is certified by a specialty board of examiners recognized by the board and who is certified by the board to practice the specialty pursuant to this chapter.
- 30. 31. "Unprofessional conduct" includes the following, whether occurring in this state or elsewhere:
- (a) Intentionally disclosing a professional secret or intentionally disclosing a privileged communication except as either of these may otherwise be required by law.
  - (b) Any dishonorable conduct reflecting unfavorably on the profession.
- (c) Committing a felony, whether or not involving moral turpitude, or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. In either case conviction by any court of competent jurisdiction or a plea of no contest is conclusive evidence of the commission of the felony or misdemeanor.
- (d) Habitual intemperance in the use of alcohol or any substance abuse.
- (e) The illegal use of any narcotic or hypnotic drugs, or illegal substances.
- (f) Conduct that the board determines is gross malpractice, repeated malpractice or any malpractice resulting in the death of a patient.
- (g) Impersonating another doctor of naturopathic medicine or any other practitioner of the healing arts.
- (h) Falsely acting or assuming to act as a member, an employee or an authorized agent of the board.
- (i) Procuring or attempting to procure a license or a certificate pursuant to this chapter by fraud, by misrepresentation or by knowingly taking advantage of the mistake of another person or agency.
- (j) Having professional connection with or lending one's name to enhance or continue the activities of an illegal physician or an illegal practitioner of any healing art.

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- (k) Representing that a manifestly incurable disease, injury, ailment or infirmity can be permanently cured, or falsely or fraudulently representing that a curable disease, injury, ailment or infirmity can be cured within a stated time.
- (1) Offering, undertaking or agreeing to cure or treat a disease, injury, ailment or infirmity by a secret means, method, treatment, medicine, substance, device or instrumentality.
- (m) Refusing to divulge to the board on demand the means, method, treatment, medicine, substance, device or instrumentality used in the treatment of a disease, injury, ailment or infirmity.
- (n) Giving or receiving, or aiding or abetting the giving or receiving of, rebates, either directly or indirectly.
- (o) Knowingly making any false or fraudulent statement, written or oral, in connection with the practice of naturopathic medicine or any naturopathic treatment method.
- $\mbox{(p)}$   $\mbox{Immorality or misconduct that tends to discredit the naturopathic profession.$
- (q) Refusal, revocation or suspension of a license by any other state, district or territory of the United States or any other country, unless it can be shown that this action was not due to reasons that relate to the ability to safely and skillfully practice as a doctor of naturopathic medicine or to any act of unprofessional conduct in this paragraph.
- (r) Any conduct or practice that is contrary to recognized standards of ethics of the naturopathic profession, any conduct or practice that does or might constitute a danger to the health, welfare or safety of the patient or the public, or any conduct, practice or condition that does or might impair the ability to safely and skillfully practice as a doctor of naturopathic medicine.
- (s) Failure to observe any federal, state, county or municipal law relating to public health as a physician in this state.
- (t) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate <del>any of the provisions of</del> this chapter or board rules.
- (u) False, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading advertising or advertising the quality of a medical or health care service by a physician or by the physician's staff, employer or representative.
- (v) Failing or refusing to maintain adequate medical records on a patient or failing or refusing to make medical records in the physician's possession promptly available to another physician or health care provider who is licensed pursuant to chapter 7, 8, 13, 15, 17 or 29 of this title on request and receipt of proper authorization to do so from the patient, a minor patient's parent, the patient's legal guardian or the patient's authorized representative or failing to comply with title 12, chapter 13, article 7.1.

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- (w) Referring a patient to a diagnostic or treatment facility or prescribing goods and services without disclosing in writing to the patient that the physician has a pecuniary interest in the facility, goods or services to which the patient is referred or prescribed. This subdivision does not apply to a referral by one physician or practitioner to another physician or practitioner within a group of physicians or practitioners practicing together.
- (x) Sexual intimacies with a patient in the course of direct treatment.
- (y) Failing to dispense drugs and devices in compliance with article 4 of this chapter.
- (z) Administering, dispensing or prescribing any drug or a device for other than an accepted therapeutic purpose.
- (aa) Falsely representing or holding oneself out as being a specialist or representation by a doctor of naturopathic medicine or the doctor's staff, employer or representative that the doctor is boarded or board certified if this is not true or that standing is not current.
- (bb) Delegating professional duties and responsibilities to a person if the person has not been approved or qualified by licensure or by certification to perform these duties or responsibilities.
- (cc) Failing to appropriately supervise a naturopathic medical student, a nurse, a medical assistant, a health care provider or a technician employed by or assigned to the physician during the performance of delegated professional duties and responsibilities.
- (dd) Using experimental forms of diagnosis or treatment without adequate informed consent of the patient or the patient's legal guardian and without conforming to experimental criteria including protocols, detailed records, periodic analysis of results and periodic review by a medical peer review committee as approved by the federal food and drug administration or its successor agency.
- (ee) Failing to furnish information in a timely manner to the board or investigators or representatives of the board if this information is legally requested by the board and failing to allow properly authorized board personnel on demand to examine and have access to documents, reports and records maintained by the physician that relate to the physician's medical practice or medically related activities.
- (ff) Failing to report in writing to the board evidence that a person licensed, certified or registered pursuant to this chapter is or may be medically incompetent, guilty of unprofessional conduct or mentally or physically unable to safely practice or assist in the practice of naturopathic medicine.
- (gg) Conducting or engaging in an internship, preceptorship or clinical training program in naturopathic medicine without being approved and registered by the board for that internship, preceptorship or clinical training program.

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- (hh) Signing a blank, undated or predated prescription form.
- (ii) Conduct that the board determines is gross negligence, repeated negligence or negligence resulting in harm or death to a patient.
- (jj) Knowingly making a false or misleading statement in oral testimony to the board on a form required by the board or in written correspondence to the board, including attachments to that correspondence.
- (kk) The failure of a physician who is the chief medical officer, the executive officer or the chief of staff of an internship, a preceptorship or a clinical training program to report in writing to the board that the privileges of a doctor of naturopathic medicine, a naturopathic medical student or a medical assistant have been denied, limited, revoked or suspended because that doctor's, student's or assistant's actions appear to indicate that the person is or may be medically incompetent, is or may be guilty of unprofessional conduct or is or may be unable to safely engage or assist in the practice of naturopathic medicine.
- (11) Action taken against a doctor of naturopathic medicine by a licensing or regulatory board in another jurisdiction due to that doctor's mental or physical inability to engage safely in the practice of naturopathic medicine, the doctor's medical incompetence or for unprofessional conduct as defined by that licensing or regulatory board and that corresponds directly or indirectly to an act of unprofessional conduct prescribed by this paragraph. The action taken may include refusing, denying, revoking or suspending a license, otherwise limiting, restricting or monitoring a licensee or placing a licensee on probation by that licensing or regulatory board.
- (mm) Sanctions imposed by an agency of the federal government, including restricting, suspending, limiting or removing a person from the practice of naturopathic medicine or restricting that person's ability to obtain financial remuneration.
- (nn) Violating any formal order, probation, consent agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board pursuant to this chapter.
- (oo) Refusing to submit to a body fluid examination pursuant to a board investigation of alleged substance abuse by a doctor of naturopathic medicine.
- (pp) Charging a fee for services not rendered or dividing a professional fee for patient referrals among health care providers or health care institutions or between these providers and institutions or a contractual arrangement that has this effect.
  - (qq) Obtaining a fee by fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.
- (rr) Charging or collecting a clearly excessive fee. In determining if a fee is clearly excessive the board shall consider the fee or range of fees customarily charged in this state for similar services, in light of modifying factors such as the time required, the complexity of the service and the skill required to perform the service properly. This subdivision does not apply if there is a clear written contract for a fixed fee between

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the physician and the patient that was entered into before the service was provided.

- (ss) With the exception of heavy metal poisoning, using chelation therapy in the treatment of arteriosclerosis or as any other form of therapy without adequate informed patient consent and without conforming to generally accepted experimental criteria, including protocols, detailed records, periodic analysis of results and periodic review by a medical peer review committee.
- (tt) Using a controlled substance unless it is prescribed by another physician for use during a prescribed course of treatment.
- (uu) Prescribing, dispensing or administering anabolic androgenic steroids for other than therapeutic purposes.
- (vv) Except in an emergency or urgent care situation, prescribing or dispensing a controlled substance to a member of the naturopathic physician's immediate family.
- (ww) Prescribing, dispensing or furnishing a prescription medication or a prescription-only device as defined in section 32-1901 to a person unless the licensee first conducts a physical examination of that person or has previously established a doctor-patient relationship. This subdivision does not apply to:
- (i) A licensee who provides temporary patient supervision on behalf of the patient's regular treating licensed health care professional.
  - (ii) An emergency medical situation as defined in section 41-1831.
- (iii) Prescriptions written to prepare a patient for a medical examination.
- (iv) Prescriptions written or prescription medications issued for use by a county or tribal public health department for immunization programs or emergency treatment or in response to an infectious disease investigation, a public health emergency, an infectious disease outbreak or an act of bioterrorism. For the purposes of this item, "bioterrorism" has the same meaning prescribed in section 36-781.
- (xx) IF MEDICAL TREATMENT IS CONSIDERED EXPERIMENTAL OR INVESTIGATIONAL, FAILING TO INCLUDE IN A PATIENT'S RECORD A CONSENT TO TREATMENT DOCUMENT THAT IS SIGNED BY THE PATIENT OR THE PATIENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN AND THAT INDICATES THAT THE PATIENT OR THE PATIENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE RISK OF ANY TREATMENT TO BE PROVIDED AND THE EXPECTED COST OF THAT TREATMENT.
  - Sec. 3. Section 32-1502, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 32-1502. Naturopathic physicians medical board; appointment; qualifications; term of office; immunity
- A. There THE NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS MEDICAL BOARD is established a naturopathic physicians board of medical examiners consisting of the following members:
- 1. Four physician members appointed by the governor. Each physician member shall be:

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- (a) A resident of this state for at least five years immediately preceding the appointment.
- (b) A doctor of naturopathic medicine with a degree from a naturopathic school or college approved by the board who has engaged in full-time practice of naturopathic medicine for at least five years immediately preceding the appointment.
- 2. Three public members appointed by the governor. Each public member shall:
- (a) Be a resident of this state for at least five years immediately preceding the appointment.
- (b) Not be connected, in any manner, with or have any interest in a school of medicine, health care institution or any person practicing any form of healing or treatment of bodily or mental ailments.
  - (c) Demonstrate an interest in the health problems in this state.
- B. The terms of office of the physician members and the public members are five years to begin and end on June 30. Each physician member and each public member continue to hold office until the appointment and qualification of their successors, subject to the following exceptions:
- 1. A member of the board may be removed from office if the governor finds the member was guilty of malfeasance, misfeasance or dishonorable conduct.
- 2. The term of any member automatically ends on resignation, permanent removal from this state or removal from this state for a period of more than six months.
- C. There shall be no monetary liability on the part of and no cause of action shall arise against the members of the board, the secretary-treasurer or permanent or temporary personnel of the board for any act done or proceeding undertaken or performed in good faith and in furtherance of the purposes of this chapter.
  - Sec. 4. Section 32-1505, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 32-1505. Naturopathic physicians medical board fund
- A. THE NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS MEDICAL BOARD FUND IS ESTABLISHED. THE BOARD SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. Pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, the board shall deposit ten per cent of all monies from whatever source which THAT come into the possession of the board in the STATE general fund and deposit the remaining ninety per cent in the naturopathic physicians MEDICAL board of medical examiners fund.
- B. The board shall establish a separate account in the fund for monies transferred to the fund pursuant to section 32-4205.
- C. Monies deposited in the naturopathic physicians MEDICAL board of medical examiners fund are subject to section 35-143.01.
  - Sec. 5. Section 32-1507, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 32-1507. Change in status; assessment of costs
- A. Each person who holds a license or certificate pursuant to this chapter shall inform the board in writing, within thirty days, of any change

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in status of that person's initial application including any change of name, residence, practice address and telephone number and of each subsequent change of status. A licensee's or a certificate holder's residential address and residential telephone number or numbers are not available to the public unless they are the only address and numbers of record.

- B. The board may assess the costs incurred by the board in locating a person who is licensed or certified pursuant to this chapter to that person.
- C. The board shall deposit, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, monies collected pursuant to this section in the naturopathic physicians MEDICAL board of medical examiners fund.
- Sec. 6. Section 32-1522.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

#### 32-1522.01. Temporary licenses; duration of license

- A. The executive director may issue a temporary license to any applicant who is seeking licensure through endorsement, whose application is complete and who has applied in writing for a temporary license. The executive director may issue a temporary license to an applicant only once.
- B. A temporary license issued pursuant to this section is effective from the date that the application is approved until the last day of the month in which the board meets to consider the application for licensure.
- C. A temporary license shall not be extended, renewed, reissued or allowed to continue in effect beyond the period authorized by this section.
  - Sec. 7. Section 32-1523, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 32-1523. Qualifications for license to practice by endorsement

To be eligible for a license to practice naturopathic medicine pursuant to this chapter by endorsement, the applicant shall:

- 1. Qualify under section 32-1522 except for taking the written examination provided for in section 32-1525.
- 2. Be licensed to practice as a doctor of naturopathic medicine by EITHER:
  - (a) Another state, district or territory of the United States.
- (b) Another country  $\frac{\text{which}}{\text{THAT}}$  THAT requires a written examination  $\frac{\text{which}}{\text{THAT}}$  is substantially equivalent to the written examination provided for in section 32-1525.
- 3. Be actively engaged, for at least three years immediately preceding the application, in one or more of the following:
  - (a) Active practice as a doctor of naturopathic medicine.
- (b) An approved internship, preceptorship or clinical training program in naturopathic medicine.
- (c) An approved postdoctoral training program in naturopathic medicine.
- (d) The resident study of naturopathic medicine at an approved school of naturopathic medicine.
  - 4. Pass the examination provided for in section 32-1525.

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Sec. 8. Section 32-1525, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 32-1525. <u>Examinations</u>

- A. The board shall use the naturopathic physicians licensing examination conducted by the North American board of naturopathic examiners, or its successor agency, for the examinations required under sections 32-1522 and 32-1523. The board may administer its own examination only for those areas that are determined by the board to be necessary for the safe practice of naturopathic medicine and not covered on the naturopathic physicians licensing examination. The board must accept the grade issued by the North American board of naturopathic examiners without adjustment. A board member or staff member shall not have any financial interest in the North American board of naturopathic examiners or the naturopathic physicians licensing examination.
- B. The examination required for a license under section 32-1522 shall include the following subjects:
- 1. The basic medical science subjects of anatomy, basic pharmacology and toxicology, biochemistry, microbiology and immunology, physiology, pathology and naturopathic jurisprudence.
- 2. The clinical medical science subjects of dermatology, ophthalmology and otolaryngology, geriatrics, infectious diseases, neurology and psychiatry, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, orthopedics, physical medicine and rehabilitation.
- 3. The clinical competency medical subjects of emergency medicine and minor surgery, clinical pharmacology, pharmacotherapeutics, internal medicine, laboratory diagnosis and diagnostic imaging, clinical nutrition, botanicals and diet therapy.
- 4. For all persons applying for a license by endorsement who were licensed in another state or a Canadian province before January 1, 2005, an additional sixty hour course and examination in pharmacotherapeutics.
- C. The examination required for a license by endorsement under section 32-1523 shall consist of INCLUDE an examination in Arizona naturopathic jurisprudence that is administered by the board.
  - D. Examinations for licensure under this chapter shall:
- 1. Be practical in character and consist of multiple choice and true and false questions.
- 2. Be designed to ascertain the applicant's knowledge of naturopathic medicine and the applicant's ability to practice naturopathic medicine.
- 3. Include examination questions that are generally accepted as necessary for a competent knowledge of the practice of naturopathic medicine.
- E. The board by rule shall prescribe any subjects on which the applicant must be tested in addition to those required by this section. The board may prescribe rules for conducting its own examinations.
- F. An applicant shall obtain a scaled grade average of seventy-five per cent or more PASSING SCORE on the national examination with no single grade less than seventy per cent and shall obtain a grade of seventy-five per

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cent or more in each subject administered by the board that is not covered on the national examination.

- G. An applicant may challenge the applicant's grade on an examination conducted by the board by submitting a written request to the board within sixty days of receiving the grade. If the board upholds the applicant's challenge, it may change, within one hundred twenty days of the challenge, the grade on the examination on the vote of a majority of the full board.
- H. An applicant for examination shall take and complete all of the examinations required by this section within a five year period. Each time an applicant files a request with the board to retake any part of an examination, the applicant shall pay the examination fee pursuant to section 32-1527.
- I. All examination materials and records of examination grading are confidential and are not public records.
  - Sec. 9. Section 32-1551, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 32-1551. <u>Disciplinary action; duty to report; investigatory powers; immunity; hearing; appeal; notice</u>
- A. The board on its own motion may investigate any evidence that appears to show that a doctor of naturopathic medicine is or may be medically incompetent, is or may be guilty of unprofessional conduct or is or may be mentally or physically unable to engage safely in the practice of naturopathic medicine. Any person may, and a doctor of naturopathic medicine, the Arizona naturopathic medical association, a component society of that association and any health care institution shall, report to the board any information that appears to show that a doctor of naturopathic medicine is or may be medically incompetent, is or may be guilty of unprofessional conduct or is or may be mentally or physically unable to engage safely in the practice of naturopathic medicine. The board or the executive director shall notify the doctor as to the content of the complaint as soon as reasonable. Any person or entity that reports or provides information to the board in good faith is not subject to an action for civil damages. If requested, the board shall not disclose the name of a person who supplies information regarding a licensee's drug or alcohol impairment. It is an act of unprofessional conduct for any doctor of naturopathic medicine to fail to report as required by this section. The board shall report any health care institution that fails to report as required by this section to that institution's licensing agency.
- B. The board or, if delegated by the board, the executive director shall require any combination of mental, physical or oral or written medical competency examinations and conduct necessary investigations including investigational interviews between representatives of the board and the doctor to fully inform itself with respect to any information filed with the board under this section. These examinations may include biological fluid testing and psychological or psychiatric evaluation. The board or, if delegated by the board, the executive director may require the doctor, at the

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doctor's expense, to undergo assessment by a board approved rehabilitative, retraining or assessment program.

- C. If the board finds, based on the information it receives under this section, that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, and incorporates a finding to that effect in its order, the board may restrict, limit or order a summary suspension of a license pending proceedings for revocation or other action. If the board takes action pursuant to this subsection it shall also serve the licensee with a written notice that states the charges and that the licensee is entitled to a formal hearing before the board or an administrative law judge.
- D. If, after completing its investigation, the board finds that the information provided pursuant to subsection A of this section is not of sufficient seriousness to merit disciplinary action against the license of the doctor, the board may take any of the following actions:
- $1.\ \ \$  Dismiss if, in the opinion of the board, the information is without merit.
  - 2. File a letter of concern.
- 3. Issue a nondisciplinary order requiring the licensee to complete a prescribed number of hours of continuing education in an area or areas prescribed by the board to provide the licensee with the necessary understanding of current developments, skills, procedures or treatment.
- E. If the board finds that it can take rehabilitative or disciplinary action without the presence of the doctor at a formal interview, it may enter into a consent agreement with the doctor to limit or restrict the doctor's practice or to rehabilitate the doctor in order to protect the public and ensure the doctor's ability to safely engage in the practice of naturopathic medicine. The board may also require the doctor to successfully complete a board approved rehabilitative, retraining or assessment program.
- F. If after completing its investigation the board believes that the information is or may be true, it may request a formal interview with the doctor. If the doctor refuses the invitation or accepts and the results indicate that grounds may exist for revocation or suspension of the doctor's license for more than twelve months, the board may issue a formal complaint and order that a hearing be held pursuant to title 41, chapter 6, article 10. If after completing a formal interview the board finds the information provided under this section is not of sufficient seriousness to merit suspension for more than twelve months or revocation of the license, it may take the following actions:
- 1. Dismiss if, in the opinion of the board, the complaint is without merit.
  - 2. File a letter of concern.
  - 3. File a letter of reprimand.
- 4. Issue a decree of censure. A decree of censure is an official action against the doctor's license and may include a requirement for

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restitution of fees to a patient resulting from violations of this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter.

- 5. Fix a period and terms of probation best adapted to protect the public health and safety and rehabilitate or educate the doctor concerned. Probation may include temporary license suspension for not to exceed twelve months, restriction of the doctor's license to practice naturopathic medicine, a requirement for restitution of fees to a patient or education or rehabilitation at the licensee's own expense. If a licensee fails to comply with the terms of probation, the board shall serve the licensee with a written notice that states that the licensee is subject to a formal hearing based on the information considered by the board at the formal interview and any other acts or conduct alleged to be in violation of this chapter or rules adopted by the board pursuant to this chapter including noncompliance with the terms of probation, a consent agreement or a stipulated agreement.
- 6. Enter into an agreement with the doctor to restrict or limit the doctor's practice or medical activities in order to rehabilitate, retrain or assess the doctor, protect the public and ensure the physician's ability to safely engage in the practice of naturopathic medicine. The board may also require the doctor to successfully complete a board approved rehabilitative, retraining or assessment program at the doctor's own expense pursuant to subsection E of this section.
- 7. Issue a nondisciplinary order requiring the licensee to complete a prescribed number of hours of continuing education in an area or areas prescribed by the board to provide the licensee with the necessary understanding of current developments, skills, procedures or treatment.
- 8. IMPOSE A CIVIL PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH VIOLATION.
- G. If the board finds that the information provided in an investigation warrants suspension or revocation of a license issued under this chapter, it must initiate formal proceedings pursuant to title 41, chapter 6, article 10.
- H. Any doctor of naturopathic medicine who after a formal hearing is found by the board to be guilty of unprofessional conduct, to be mentally or physically unable to safely engage in the practice of naturopathic medicine or to be medically incompetent is subject to censure, probation as provided in this section, suspension or revocation of a license or any combination of these under any conditions as the board deems appropriate for the protection of the public health and safety and just in the circumstance. The board may charge the costs of formal hearings to the licensee who it finds to be in violation of this chapter.
- I. If the naturopathic physicians MEDICAL board of medical examiners acts to modify any doctor's prescription writing privileges, it shall immediately notify the Arizona state board of pharmacy of the modification.
- J. If the board, during the course of any investigation, determines that a criminal violation may have occurred involving the delivery of health

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care, it shall make the evidence of violations available to the appropriate criminal justice agency for its consideration.

- K. The board shall deposit, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, all monies collected from civil penalties paid pursuant to this chapter in the state general fund.
- L. Notice of a complaint and hearing is effective by a true copy of it being sent by certified mail to the doctor's last known address of record in the board's files. Notice of the complaint and hearing is complete on the date of its deposit in the mail.
- M. The board may accept the surrender of an active license from a person who admits in writing to any of the following:
- 1. Being unable to safely engage in the practice of naturopathic medicine.
  - 2. Having committed an act of unprofessional conduct.
  - 3. Having violated this chapter or a board rule.
- N. The board may administer the oath to all witnesses and shall keep a written transcript of all oral testimony submitted at the hearing and the original or a copy of all other evidence submitted. The board may waive the technical rules of evidence at any hearing conducted under this section.
- 0. Except as provided in section 41-1092.08, subsection H, an appeal to the superior court in Maricopa County may be taken from decisions of the board pursuant to title 12, chapter 7, article 6.
- Sec. 10. Section 32-1553, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

# 32-1553. <u>Civil penalties: disciplinary action</u>

- A. The board may impose a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars for each violation of this chapter that requires an investigation and hearing, not to exceed a total of ten thousand dollars A FORMAL INTERVIEW. THE BOARD MAY IMPOSE A CIVIL PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH HEARING IN WHICH A VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER IS ESTABLISHED. All monies collected from civil penalties imposed pursuant to this section SUBSECTION AND SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION shall be deposited in the state general fund.
- B. AFTER A FORMAL HEARING, THE BOARD MAY IMPOSE A CIVIL PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ON ANY PERSON IT DETERMINES TO HAVE VIOLATED OR FACILITATED THE VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER.
- C. IN ADDITION TO CIVIL PENALTIES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE BOARD MAY CHARGE A PERSON THAT IT DETERMINES IS IN VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER OR BOARD RULES ALL COSTS INCURRED IN THE COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATION AND FORMAL HEARING, INCLUDING ATTORNEY FEES INCURRED DURING THE INVESTIGATION THE BOARD SHALL DEPOSIT, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 35-146 AND AND HEARING. 35–147, MONIES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION IN THE NATUROPATHIC **PHYSICIANS** MEDICAL **BOARD FUND ESTABLISHED** BY SECTION 32-1505. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 35-143.01, THESE MONIES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION.

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D. THE BOARD MAY SUSPEND OR REVOKE THE LICENSE OF A LICENSEE WHO FAILS TO PAY A CIVIL PENALTY IMPOSED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION.

Sec. 11. Section 32-1555, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

32-1555. Unlawful acts: investigations: civil penalties

- A. It is unlawful for any person:
- 1. To practice, attempt to practice or claim to practice as a doctor of naturopathic medicine or any branch of naturopathic medicine without complying with this chapter.
- 2. Not licensed under this chapter to use the designation "doctor of naturopathic medicine", or the abbreviation "N.M.D.", "doctor of naturopathy", or the abbreviation "N.D.", or "naturopathic physician" or to use any other words, initials, symbols or combination thereof which OF THESE THAT would lead the public to believe that person is licensed to practice naturopathic medicine.
- 3. To sell or fraudulently obtain or furnish any naturopathic degree or diploma.
- 4. To operate a school, college or educational institution granting a degree, diploma or certificate in the practice of naturopathic medicine unless it has been approved by the board.
- 5. To represent that a school, college or educational institution granting a degree, diploma or certificate in naturopathic medicine is approved by the board if the school, college or educational institution has not been approved by the board.
- 6. To secure or attempt to secure a license, certificate or registration under this chapter by fraud or deceit.
- 7. To work as a naturopathic medical assistant except under the direct supervision of a doctor of naturopathic medicine licensed pursuant to this chapter.
- 8. To use the title "medical assistant" or a related abbreviation unless the person is working as a medical assistant under the direct supervision of a doctor of naturopathic medicine.
- 9. To conduct or engage in an internship, a preceptorship or a clinical training program or a postdoctoral training program in naturopathic medicine unless the internship, preceptorship, clinical training program or postdoctoral training program is approved by the board.
- 10. To use the title "naturopathic student physician", "naturopathic student intern" or "naturopathic student preceptee" or a related title or abbreviation while engaged in an internship or a preceptorship unless the person is approved and registered by the board for the internship or the preceptorship program.
- 11. To use the title "naturopathic medical student" while engaged in a clinical training program unless the person is approved and registered by the board for the clinical training program.

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B. THE BOARD MAY INVESTIGATE ANY PERSON TO DETERMINE IF THAT PERSON IS ENGAGED IN THE UNLAWFUL PRACTICE OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE. IF AN INVESTIGATION INDICATES THAT A PERSON MAY BE PRACTICING NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE UNLAWFULLY, THE BOARD SHALL INFORM THE PERSON OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION. THE BOARD MAY REFER THE MATTER FOR PROSECUTION REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE PERSON CEASES THE UNLAWFUL PRACTICE OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE. THE BOARD MAY ALSO IMPOSE CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-1553, SUBSECTION B.

Sec. 12. Section 32-1556, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

# 32-1556. <u>Prosecution for violations</u>

The county attorney of each county shall prosecute all persons charged with violating section 32-1555, but the board may retain its own attorney or investigators to aid in prosecuting a violator. If the board obtains investigators or legal assistance to prosecute or aid in the prosecution for a violation of this chapter, payment for these services shall be made from the naturopathic physicians MEDICAL board of medical examiners fund.

Sec. 13. Section 32-1581, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

# 32-1581. <u>Dispensing of natural substances, drugs and devices;</u> conditions; civil penalty; dispensing minerals; definitions

- A. A doctor of naturopathic medicine may dispense a natural substance, drug or device to a patient for a condition being diagnosed or treated by the doctor if:
- 1. The doctor is certified to dispense by the board and the certificate has not been suspended or revoked by the board.
- 2. The natural substance, drug or device is dispensed and properly labeled with the following dispenser information:
- (a) The dispensing doctor's name, address and telephone number and a prescription number or other method of identifying the prescription.
  - (b) The date the natural substance, drug or device is dispensed.
  - (c) The patient's name.
- (d) The name and strength of the natural substance, drug or device, directions for proper and appropriate use and any cautionary statements for the natural substance, drug or device. If a generic drug is dispensed the manufacturer's name must be included.
- 3. The dispensing doctor enters into the patient's medical record the name and strength of the natural substance, drug or device dispensed, the date the natural substance, drug or device is dispensed and the therapeutic reason.
- 4. The dispensing doctor keeps all prescription-only drugs, controlled substances and prescription-only devices in a secured cabinet or room, controls access to the cabinet or room by a written procedure and maintains an ongoing inventory of its contents.

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- B. Except in an emergency, a doctor of naturopathic medicine who dispenses a natural substance, drug or device without being certified to dispense by the board is subject to a civil penalty by the board of not less than three hundred dollars and not more than one thousand dollars for each transaction and may be prohibited from further dispensing for a period of time as determined by the board.
- C. Before dispensing a natural substance, drug or device pursuant to this section, the treating doctor shall give the patient or the patient's legal guardian a written prescription and must inform the patient or the patient's legal guardian that the prescription may be filled by the prescribing doctor or the pharmacy of the patient's choice. If the patient chooses to have the medication dispensed by the doctor, the doctor must retrieve the written prescription and place it in a prescription file kept by the doctor.
- D. A doctor of naturopathic medicine shall provide direct supervision of a nurse or attendant involved in the dispensing process. In FOR THE PURPOSES OF this subsection, "direct supervision" means that a doctor of naturopathic medicine is present and makes the determination as to the necessary use or the advisability of the natural substance, drug or device to be dispensed.
- E. The board shall enforce this section. The board shall adopt rules regarding the dispensing of a natural substance, drug or device including the labeling, record keeping, storage and packaging of natural substances that are consistent with the requirements of chapter 18 of this title. The board may conduct periodic inspections of dispensing practices to assure compliance with this section and applicable rules.
- F. This section does not prevent a licensed practical or professional nurse employed by a doctor of naturopathic medicine from assisting in the delivery of natural substances, drugs and devices in accordance with this chapter.
- G. Before prescribing or dispensing a mineral to a patient, the treating physician shall perform necessary clinical examinations and laboratory tests to prevent toxicity due to the excessive intake of magnesium, calcium and other minerals. The board shall adopt rules necessary for the safe administration of minerals. These rules shall require prior certification of a physician who prescribes or dispenses minerals to a patient.
  - H. For the purposes of this section:
- 1. "Device" means an appliance, apparatus or instrument administered or dispensed to a patient by a doctor of naturopathic medicine.
- 2. "Dispense" means the delivery by a doctor of naturopathic medicine of a natural substance, drug or device to a patient and only for a condition being diagnosed or treated by that doctor, except for free samples packaged for individual use by licensed manufacturers or repackagers, and includes the prescribing, administering, packaging, labeling and security necessary to

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prepare and safeguard the natural substance, drug or device for delivery to the treating doctor's own patient.

3. "Natural substance" means a homeopathic, botanical or nutritional supplement that does not require a prescription by federal law before it is dispensed, but is prescribed to treat a medical condition diagnosed by the doctor.

Sec. 14. Section 32-4204, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

### 32-4204. Executive director; personnel

- A. The executive director of the naturopathic physicians MEDICAL board of medical examiners shall also serve as the executive director of the board of massage therapy.
- B. The staff of the naturopathic physicians MEDICAL board of medical examiners shall carry out the administrative responsibilities of the board of massage therapy.
- Sec. 15. Section 32-4205, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

#### 32-4205. Deposit and use of monies received by board

- A. Except as provided in section 32-4254, subsection L and section 32-4255, subsection E, the board shall deposit, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, ten per cent of all monies collected pursuant to this chapter in the state general fund and deposit the remaining ninety per cent of the monies in a separate account established for the board of massage therapy in the naturopathic physicians MEDICAL board of medical examiners fund established by section 32-1505.
- B. The board may spend monies deposited in the separate account established for the board and deposited in the naturopathic physicians MEDICAL board of medical examiners fund pursuant to section 32-1505.
- Sec. 16. Section 41-1092, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

### 41-1092. <u>Definitions</u>

In this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1. "Administrative law judge" means an individual or an agency head, board or commission that sits as an administrative law judge, that conducts administrative hearings in a contested case or an appealable agency action and that makes decisions regarding the contested case or appealable agency action.
- 2. "Administrative law judge decision" means the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendations or decisions issued by an administrative law judge.
- 3. "Appealable agency action" means an action that determines the legal rights, duties or privileges of a party and that is not a contested case. Appealable agency actions do not include interim orders by self-supporting regulatory boards or rules, orders, standards or statements of policy of general application issued by an administrative agency to

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implement, interpret or make specific the legislation enforced or administered by it, nor does it mean or include rules concerning the internal management of the agency that do not affect private rights or interests. For the purposes of this paragraph, administrative hearing does not include a public hearing held for the purpose of receiving public comment on a proposed agency action.

- 4. "Director" means the director of the office of administrative hearings.
- 5. "Final administrative decision" means a decision by an agency that is subject to judicial review pursuant to title 12, chapter 7, article 6.
  - 6. "Office" means the office of administrative hearings.
  - 7. "Self-supporting regulatory board" means any one of the following:
  - (a) The ARIZONA state board of accountancy.
  - (b) The state board of appraisal.
  - (c) The board of barbers.
  - (d) The board of behavioral health examiners.
  - (e) The Arizona state boxing commission.
- 18 (f) The state board of chiropractic examiners.
  - (g) The board of cosmetology.
    - (h) The state board of dental examiners.
    - (i) The state board of funeral directors and embalmers.
    - (j) The Arizona game and fish commission.
      - (k) The board of homeopathic medical examiners.
- 24 (1) The Arizona medical board.
  - (m) The naturopathic physicians MEDICAL board of medical examiners.
  - (n) The state board of nursing.
  - (o) The board of examiners of nursing care institution administrators and adult care home managers.
    - (p) The board of occupational therapy examiners.
    - (q) The state board of dispensing opticians.
    - (r) The state board of optometry.
- 32 (s) The Arizona board of osteopathic examiners in medicine and 33 surgery.
  - (t) The Arizona peace officer standards and training board.
  - (u) The Arizona state board of pharmacy.
    - (v) The board of physical therapy examiners.
  - (w) The state board of podiatry examiners.
    - (x) The state board for private postsecondary education.
    - (y) The state board of psychologist examiners.
- 40 (z) The board of respiratory care examiners.
- 41 (aa) The structural pest control commission.
  - (bb) The state board of technical registration.
- 43 (cc) The Arizona state veterinary medical examining board.
- 44 (dd) The acupuncture board of examiners.
- 45 (ee) The Arizona regulatory board of physician assistants.

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         Sec. 17. Section 41-3015.04, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
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         41-3015.04. Naturopathic physicians medical board: termination
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         A. The naturopathic physicians MEDICAL board of medical examiners
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  terminates on July 1, 2015.
         B. Title 32, chapter 14 is repealed on January 1, 2016.
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