A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to naturopathic medicine; creating s. 462.001, F.S.; providing purpose; 3 4 creating s. 462.005, F.S.; providing 5 exceptions; amending s. 462.01, F.S.; revising and providing definitions; creating s. 462.012, 6 7 F.S.; creating the Board of Naturopathic Medicine; providing for appointment and 8 9 staggering of terms of members; providing grounds for removal from the board; providing 10 11 for applicability of other provisions of law 12 governing regulatory boards; creating s. 462.013, F.S.; providing rulemaking authority 13 14 to the board; creating s. 462.015, F.S.; 15 providing general licensure requirements, 16 including fees; providing for an investigative process; providing for licensure restrictions 17 under certain circumstances; amending s. 18 19 462.023, F.S.; transferring general regulatory 20 powers and duties from the Department of Health to the board; amending s. 462.08, F.S.; 21 transferring certain duties relating to renewal 2.2 23 of licensure to the board; revising the 24 licensure renewal fee; amending s. 462.09, F.S.; transferring the requirement to submit a 25 proposed budget to the board; amending s. 26 27 462.11, F.S.; requiring doctors of naturopathic 28 medicine to observe regulatory requirements in 29 the same manner as, and with equal rights and obligations of, physicians of other schools of 30 medicine; requiring state agencies to accept 31

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certain reports submitted by naturopathic
       physicians; creating s. 462.125, F.S.;
       providing privileges and status of naturopathic
       physicians; amending s. 462.13, F.S.; providing
       the board with certain enforcement powers and
       duties; amending s. 462.14, F.S.; revising
       grounds for disciplinary action; providing for
       disciplinary action by the board and the
       department; amending s. 462.16, F.S.;
       conforming terminology; amending s. 462.17,
       F.S.; prohibiting the practice of branches of
       naturopathic medicine; providing a penalty;
       amending s. 462.18, F.S.; transferring
       authority to approve certain educational
       programs to the board; correcting references;
       amending s. 462.19, F.S.; conforming provisions
       relating to the setting of license renewal
       fees; amending s. 462.2001, F.S.; conforming
       terminology; amending ss. 20.43, 381.0031,
       468.301, 476.044, 477.0135, 485.003, 486.161,
       627.351, 893.02, and 921.0022, F.S.; conforming
       terminology; providing an effective date.
Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
       Section 1. Section 462.001, Florida Statutes, is
created to read:
       462.001 Purpose. -- The Legislature recognizes that the
practice of naturopathic medicine is potentially dangerous to
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difficult for the public to make an informed choice when 1 selecting a naturopathic physician and that the consequences of a wrong decision could seriously harm the public health and safety. The primary legislative purpose in enacting this chapter is to ensure that every naturopathic physician practicing in this state meets minimum requirements for safe and effective practice. It is the legislative intent that naturopathic physicians who fall below minimum competency or who otherwise present a danger to the public shall be 10 prohibited from practicing in this state.

Section 2. Section 462.005, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

## 462.005 Exceptions.--

- (1) The provisions of this chapter do not apply to:
- (a) Duly licensed health care practitioners, other than naturopathic physicians and their physician assistants, acting within their scope of practice authorized by statute.
- (b) Any physician lawfully licensed in another state or territory or foreign country when meeting duly licensed physicians of this state in consultation.
- (c) Naturopathic medical students practicing under the direct supervision of a licensed physician in extern and intern programs approved by any college recognized and approved by the board or the American Association of Naturopathic Medicine.
- (d) Any person furnishing medical assistance in case of an emergency.
- The domestic administration of recognized family (e) remedies.
- (f) The practice of the religious tenets of Christian 30 Science.

(2) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to 1 2 prohibit any service rendered by any person if such service is 3 rendered under the direct supervision and control of a licensed naturopathic physician, who must be available when 4 5 needed, must provide specific direction for any service to be 6 performed, and must give final approval to all services 7 performed. 8 Section 3. Section 462.01, Florida Statutes, is 9 amended to read: 10 (Substantial rewording of section. See 11 s. 462.01, F.S., for present text.) 12 462.01 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, except 13 where the context clearly indicates otherwise: 14 (1) "Practice of naturopathic medicine" means the 15 diagnosis, treatment, operation, or prescription for any human disease, pain, injury, deformity, or other physical or mental 16 17 condition, which practice is based in part on educational standards and requirements that emphasize the importance of 18 19 the natural healing arts and natural processes, and addresses 20 both the physical and vitalistic aspects of the human body. The discipline and practice of naturopathic medicine includes, 21 22 but is not limited to, the practice of psychological, mechanical, and material health sciences to aid in purifying, 23 cleansing, and normalizing human tissues for the preservation 24 or restoration of health, according to the fundamental 25 26 principles of anatomy, physiology, and applied psychology, as may be required. Naturopathic medical practice employs, among 27 28 other agencies, materia medica, pharmacology, toxicology, surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, radiography, phytotherapy, 29 dietetics, nutritional therapy, bioenergetic therapy, 30 acupuncture, ayurvedic therapy, homeopathy, aromatherapy,

psychotherapy, suggestotherapy, hypnotherapy, manipulative therapy, manual therapy, myofascial release therapy, physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, diathermy, electrotherapy, mechanotherapy, mechanical and electrical appliances, zone therapy, biochemistry, external applications, hygiene, first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), sanitation, heliotherapy, light therapy, infrared laser therapy, and other allied modalities. Naturopathic medicine does not include the practice of osteopathic medicine or chiropractic medicine.

- (2) "Department" means the Department of Health.
- (3) "Board" means the Board of Naturopathic Medicine.
- (4) "Physician" means a doctor of naturopathic medicine licensed under this chapter.
- (5) "Naturopathic physician" means a person who is licensed to practice naturopathic medicine under this chapter.
- (6) "Doctor of naturopathic medicine" means a person licensed to practice naturopathic medicine under this chapter.
- (7) "Naturopathic medical student" means a person who is enrolled in a course of study at an approved school or college of naturopathic medicine.
- (8) "Approved school or college of naturopathic medicine" means a school or college determined by the board to have an educational program that meets board standards as prescribed by board rules, offering a course of study which, on successful completion, results in the awarding of the degree of doctor of naturopathic medicine.
- (9) "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.

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Section 4. Section 462.012, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

462.012 Board of Naturopathic Medicine. --

- (1) There is created within the department the Board of Naturopathic Medicine, composed of seven members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.
- (2) One member of the board must be a naturopathic physician licensed under this chapter in good standing in this state who is a resident of the state. Initially, one member of the board must be an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 459 in good standing in this state, and three members of the board must be chiropractic physicians licensed under chapter 460 in good standing in this state. The four members licensed under chapters 459 and 460 shall each serve a term of 2 years, and their successor appointees must be naturopathic physicians licensed under this chapter in good standing in this state. The remaining two members must be residents of the state who are not, and never have been, licensed health care practitioners, or members of any closely related profession, but who demonstrate an interest in the health concerns of the state. At least one member of the board must be 60 years of age or older.
- (3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), members of the board shall be appointed for terms of 4 years.

  As the terms of members expire, the Governor shall appoint successors for terms of 4 years, and such members shall serve until their successors are appointed, subject to the following exceptions:
- (a) A member of the board may be removed from office if the Governor finds that the member was guilty of malfeasance, misfeasance, or dishonorable conduct.

1	(b) The term of any member automatically ends on				
2	resignation or permanent removal from this state.				
3	(4) There shall be no monetary liability on the part				
4	of and no cause of action shall arise against the members of				
5	the board, or permanent or temporary personnel of the board,				
6	for any act done or proceeding undertaken or performed in good				
7	faith and in furtherance of the purposes of this chapter.				
8	(5) All provisions of chapter 456 relating to the				
9	board shall apply.				
10	Section 5. Section 462.013, Florida Statutes, is				
11	created to read:				
12	462.013 Authority to adopt rulesThe Board of				
13	Naturopathic Medicine has authority to adopt rules pursuant to				
14	ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the provisions of this				
15	chapter conferring duties upon it.				
16	Section 6. Section 462.015, Florida Statutes, is				
17	created to read:				
18	462.015 General licensure requirements				
19	(1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, any				
20	person desiring to be licensed as a naturopathic physician				
21	pursuant to this chapter shall:				
22	(a) Provide to the department a completed application				
23	form and a nonrefundable application fee not to exceed \$100.				
24	(b) Be at least 21 years of age.				
25	(c) Be of good moral character.				
26	(d) Have completed at least 2 years of preprofessional				
27	postsecondary education.				
28	(e) Be a graduate of a school or college of				
29	naturopathic medicine granting a degree of doctor of				
30	naturopathic medicine that is approved by the board and that				
31	<u>is:</u>				

- 1. A college or university of naturopathic medicine that is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the state or the Federal Government;
- 2. A college or university of naturopathic medicine that is a candidate for accreditation with an accrediting agency recognized by the state or the Federal Government;
- 3. A college or university of naturopathic medicine that is recognized and legally operating in another state or recognized by the Federal Government; or
- 4. A foreign college or university of naturopathic medicine that is recognized by another nation or that is registered with the World Health Organization.
- (f) Pass an examination administered by the board or a national organization approved by the board by rule. For examinations offered by the board, the board shall establish the scope and subject matter of the examination, and examinations shall be offered at least twice a year at a time and place to be determined by the board. An applicant who fails an examination shall be reexamined pursuant to rules adopted by the board. The examination fee shall not exceed \$500 plus the actual per applicant cost to the board to provide the examination. The examination fee may be refunded if the applicant is found ineligible to take the examination.
- (g) Have not previously committed any act that would constitute a violation of this chapter, unless the board determines that such act does not adversely affect the applicant's present ability and fitness to practice naturopathic medicine.
- (h) Not be under investigation in any jurisdiction for an act that would constitute a violation of this chapter. If, upon completion of such investigation, it is determined that

the applicant has committed an act that would constitute a violation of this chapter, the applicant shall be ineligible for licensure unless the board determines that such act does not adversely affect the applicant's present ability and fitness to practice naturopathic medicine.

- (i) Have not had an application for a license to practice naturopathic medicine denied or a license to practice naturopathic medicine or another health care profession revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against by the licensing authority of any jurisdiction unless the board determines that the grounds on which such action was taken do not adversely affect the applicant's present ability and fitness to practice naturopathic medicine. A licensing authority's acceptance of a physician's relinquishment of license, stipulation, consent order, or other settlement, offered in response to or in anticipation of the filing of administrative charges against the naturopathic physician, shall be considered action against the naturopathic physician's license.
- (j) Submit to the department a set of fingerprints on a form and under procedures specified by the department, along with a payment in an amount equal to the costs incurred by the department for the criminal background check of the applicant.
  - (2) The board may:
- (a) Require an applicant to submit credentials or any other written or oral proof or documentation the board deems necessary to determine the applicant's fitness for licensure under this chapter.
- (b) Make investigations it deems proper to adequately advise itself with respect to the qualifications of an applicant.

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(c) Require a personal appearance of any applicant for licensure under the provisions of this chapter. Any applicant of whom a personal appearance is required must be given adequate notice of the appearance as to time and place of the appearance, as well as a statement of the purpose for the appearance and the reasons requiring such appearance.

- (3) Within 90 days after it receives a completed application and the fee for initial licensure, which may not exceed \$500, the board shall issue a license if the application demonstrates to the board's satisfaction that the applicant complies with this chapter and board rules.
- (4) The department and the board shall ensure that applicants for licensure meet applicable criteria in this chapter through an investigative process. When the investigative process is not completed within the time set out in s. 120.60(1) and the department or board has reason to believe that the applicant does not meet the criteria, the secretary or the secretary's designee may issue a 90-day licensure delay which shall be in writing and sufficient to notify the applicant of the reason for the delay. The provisions of this subsection shall control over any conflicting provisions of s. 120.60(1).
- (5) If an applicant has committed an act that would constitute a violation of this chapter or has had an application for a license to practice naturopathic medicine revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against by the licensing authority of any jurisdiction, notwithstanding the board's determination that the applicant's present ability and fitness to practice naturopathic medicine have not been adversely affected, the board may certify the application to 31 the department with restrictions.

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Section 7. Section 462.023, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

462.023 Powers and duties of the board department. -- The board department may adopt such rules as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter, initiate disciplinary action as provided by this chapter, and shall establish fees based on its estimates of the revenue required to administer this chapter but shall not exceed the fee amounts provided in this chapter. The department shall not adopt any rules which would cause any person who was not licensed in accordance with this chapter on July 1, 1959, and had not been a resident of the state for 2 years prior to such date, to become licensed.

Section 8. Section 462.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

462.08 Renewal of license to practice naturopathic medicine naturopathy. -- Each licenseholder shall biennially renew her or his license to practice <u>naturopathic medicine</u> naturopathy. The applicant must furnish to the board department such evidence as it requires of the applicant's compliance with s. 462.18, relating to educational requirements. The biennial renewal fee, the amount of which shall be determined by the board department but which may not  $exceed$500$\frac{$1,000}{}, must be paid at the time the application$ for renewal of the license is filed.

Section 9. Section 462.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

462.09 Disposition of fees.--All fees received under this chapter shall be deposited into the Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund. The Legislature shall appropriate funds 31 from this trust fund sufficient to carry out the provisions of

this chapter. The <u>board</u> <del>department</del> shall prepare and submit a proposed budget in accordance with law.

Section 10. Section 462.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

regulations.—Doctors of <u>naturopathic medicine</u> naturopathy shall observe and be subject to all state, county, and municipal regulations in regard to the control of contagious and infectious diseases, the reporting of births and deaths, and to any and all other matters pertaining to the public health in the same manner as is required of, and with equal rights and obligations of, physicians of other schools of medicine, and such reports shall be accepted by the officers of the departments to which they are made other practitioners of the healing art.

Section 11. Section 462.125, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

462.125 Privileges and status of naturopathic physicians.--

- (1) Naturopathic physicians licensed under this chapter shall have the same rights as physicians and surgeons of other schools of medicine with respect to the treatment of cases or holding of offices in public institutions.
- (2) It is the intent and purpose of this chapter to grant to naturopathic physicians the right to practice as taught and practiced in the colleges of naturopathic medicine.
- (3) For the purposes of this subsection, "licensee" means a physician licensed under chapter 458 or a naturopathic physician licensed under this chapter.
- (4) It is the policy of this state that naturopathic physicians licensed under this chapter be accorded equal

professional status and privileges as physicians licensed under chapter 458.

(5) No health facility may adopt written bylaws in accordance with legal requirements that in any way are construed to circumvent the intent of the Legislature or any other nondiscriminatory provisions contained in either chapter 458 or this chapter.

Section 12. Section 462.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

462.13 Additional powers and duties of the board and the department.—The board and the department may administer oaths, summon witnesses, and take testimony in all matters relating to its duties pursuant to this chapter. Every unrevoked license shall be presumptive evidence in all courts and places that the person therein named is legally licensed to practice naturopathic medicine naturopathy. The board and the department shall aid the prosecuting attorneys of the state in the enforcement of this chapter.

Section 13. Section 462.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 462.14 Grounds for disciplinary action; action by  $\underline{\text{the}}$  board and the department.--
- (1) The following acts constitute grounds for denial of a license or disciplinary action, as specified in s. 456.072(2):
- (a) Attempting to obtain, obtaining, or renewing a license to practice naturopathic medicine by bribery  $\underline{\text{or}}$ ,  $\underline{\text{by}}$  fraudulent misrepresentation, or through an error of the department.
- 30 (b) Having a license to practice naturopathic medicine 31 revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against, including the

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denial of licensure, by the licensing authority of another state, territory, or country.

- (c) Being convicted or found guilty, regardless of adjudication, of a crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates to the practice of naturopathic medicine or to the ability to practice naturopathic medicine. Any plea of nolo contendere may shall be considered a conviction for purposes of this chapter.
  - (d) False, deceptive, or misleading advertising.
- (e) Advertising, practicing, or attempting to practice under a name other than one's own.
- (e)(f) Failing to report to the department any person who the licensee knows is in violation of this chapter or of the rules of the department.
- (f)<del>(g)</del> Aiding, assisting, procuring, or advising any unlicensed person to practice naturopathic medicine contrary to this chapter or to a rule of the department.
- (g)(h) Failing to perform any statutory or legal obligation placed upon a licensed naturopathic physician.
- (h)(i) Making or filing a report which the licensee knows to be false, intentionally or negligently failing to file a report or record required by state or federal law, willfully impeding or obstructing such filing or inducing another person to do so. Such reports or records shall include only those which are signed in the capacity as a licensed naturopathic physician.
- (i)<del>(j)</del> Paying or receiving any commission, bonus, kickback, or rebate, or engaging in any split-fee arrangement in any form whatsoever with a physician, organization, agency, or person, either directly or indirectly, for patients 31 referred to providers of health care goods and services,

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including, but not limited to, hospitals, nursing homes, clinical laboratories, ambulatory surgical centers, or pharmacies. The provisions of this paragraph shall not be construed to prevent a naturopathic physician from receiving a fee for professional consultation services.

(j)(k) Exercising influence within a patient-physician relationship for purposes of engaging a patient in sexual activity. A patient shall be presumed to be incapable of giving free, full, and informed consent to sexual activity with her or his physician.

(k)(1) Making deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in the practice of naturopathic medicine or employing a trick or scheme in the practice of naturopathic medicine when such scheme or trick fails to conform to the generally prevailing standards of treatment in the naturopathic medical community.

(1) (m) Coercing prospective Soliciting patients, either personally or through an agent, through the use of fraud, intimidation, undue influence, or a form of overreaching or vexatious conduct. A "solicitation" is any communication which directly or implicitly requests an immediate oral response from the recipient.

(m) (n) Failing to keep written medical records justifying the course of treatment of the patient, including, but not limited to, patient histories, examination results, test results, X rays, and records of the prescribing, dispensing and administering of drugs.

(n)(o) Exercising influence on the patient or client in such a manner as to exploit the patient or client for the financial gain of the licensee or of a third party, which 31 | shall include, but not be limited to, the promoting or selling

of services, goods, appliances, or drugs and the promoting or advertising on any prescription form of a community pharmacy unless the form also states "This prescription may be filled at any pharmacy of your choice."

 $\underline{\text{(o)}}$  Performing professional services which have not been duly authorized by the patient or client, or her or his legal representative, except as provided in s. 743.064, s. 766.103, or s. 768.13.

(p) (q) Prescribing, dispensing, administering, mixing, or otherwise preparing a legend drug, including any controlled substance, other than in the course of the naturopathic physician's professional practice. For the purposes of this paragraph, it shall be legally presumed that prescribing, dispensing, administering, mixing, or otherwise preparing legend drugs, including all controlled substances, inappropriately or in excessive or inappropriate quantities is not in the best interest of the patient and is not in the course of the naturopathic physician's professional practice, without regard to her or his intent.

(q)(r) Prescribing, dispensing, or administering any medicinal drug appearing on any schedule set forth in chapter 893 by the naturopathic physician to herself or himself, except one prescribed, dispensed, or administered to the naturopathic physician by another practitioner authorized to prescribe, dispense, or administer medicinal drugs.

 $\underline{(r)}$  Being unable to practice naturopathic medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness or use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other type of material or as a result of any mental or physical condition. In enforcing this paragraph, the <u>board</u> department shall have, upon probable cause, authority to

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compel a naturopathic physician to submit to a mental or physical examination by physicians designated by an independent and impartial panel of physicians recommended by the Florida Association of Naturopathic Physicians, Inc. Communication by the board to the accused naturopathic physician shall be delivered via registered mail to submit to an examination the department. The failure of a naturopathic physician to submit to such an examination when so directed shall constitute an admission of the allegations against her or him upon which a default and final order may be entered without the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence, unless the failure was due to circumstances beyond the naturopathic physician's control. A naturopathic physician affected under this paragraph shall at reasonable intervals be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate that she or he can resume the competent practice of naturopathic medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients. In any proceeding under this paragraph, neither the record of proceedings nor the orders entered by the board department may be used against a naturopathic physician in any other proceeding.

(s)(t) Gross or repeated malpractice or the failure to practice naturopathic medicine with that level of care, skill, and treatment which is recognized by a reasonably prudent similar physician as being acceptable under similar conditions and circumstances. The department shall give great weight to the provisions of s. 766.102 when enforcing this paragraph.

(t) (u) Performing any procedure or prescribing any therapy which, by the prevailing standards of naturopathic medical practice in the community, constitutes experimentation on a human subject, without first obtaining full, informed, 31 and written consent.

 $\underline{(u)}$  (v) Practicing or offering to practice beyond the scope permitted by law or accepting and performing professional responsibilities which the licensee knows or has reason to know that she or he is not competent to perform.

 $\underline{(v)}$  (w) Delegating professional responsibilities to a person when the licensee delegating such responsibilities knows or has reason to know that such person is not qualified by training, experience, or licensure to perform them.

 $\frac{(w)(x)}{(x)}$  Violating a lawful order of the department previously entered in a disciplinary hearing or failing to comply with a lawfully issued subpoena of the department.

 $\underline{(x)}(y)$  Conspiring with another licensee or with any other person to commit an act, or committing an act, which would tend to coerce, intimidate, or preclude another licensee from lawfully advertising her or his services.

 $\underline{(y)}(z)$  Procuring, or aiding or abetting in the procuring of, an unlawful termination of pregnancy.

 $\underline{\text{(z)}}$  (aa) Presigning blank prescription forms.

(aa)(bb) Prescribing by the naturopathic physician for office use any medicinal drug appearing on Schedule II in chapter 893.

(bb)(cc) Prescribing, ordering, dispensing, administering, supplying, selling, or giving any drug which is an amphetamine or sympathomimetic amine drug, or a compound designated pursuant to chapter 893 as a Schedule II controlled substance to or for any person except for:

1. The treatment of narcolepsy; hyperkinesis; behavioral syndrome in <u>adults and</u> children characterized by the developmentally inappropriate symptoms of moderate to severe distractability, short attention span, hyperactivity,

emotional lability, and impulsivity; or drug-induced brain dysfunction.

- 2. The differential diagnostic psychiatric evaluation of depression or the treatment of depression shown to be refractory to other therapeutic modalities.
- 3. The clinical investigation of the effects of such drugs or compounds when an investigative protocol therefor is submitted to, reviewed, and approved by the department before such investigation is begun.
- (dd) Prescribing, ordering, dispensing, administering, supplying, selling, or giving growth hormones, testosterone or its analogs, human chorionic gonadotropin (HCG), or other hormones for the purpose of muscle building or to enhance athletic performance. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "muscle building" does not include the treatment of injured muscle. A prescription written for the drug products listed above may be dispensed by the pharmacist with the presumption that the prescription is for legitimate medical use.
- (cc)(ee) Violating any provision of this chapter or chapter 456, or any rules adopted pursuant thereto.
- (2) The <u>board</u> department may enter an order denying licensure or imposing any of the penalties in s. 456.072(2) against any applicant for licensure or licensee who is found guilty of violating any provision of subsection (1) of this section or who is found guilty of violating any provision of s. 456.072(1).
- (3) The department shall not reinstate the license of a naturopathic physician until such time as the <u>board</u> department is satisfied that such person has complied with all the terms and conditions set forth in the final order and that

 such person is capable of safely engaging in the practice of naturopathic medicine.

(4) The <u>board</u> department shall by rule establish guidelines for the disposition of disciplinary cases involving specific types of violations. Such guidelines may include minimum and maximum fines, periods of supervision or probation, or conditions of probation or reissuance of a license.

Section 14. Section 462.16, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

462.16 Reissue of license.—Any person who shall practice naturopathic medicine naturopathy after her or his license has been revoked and registration annulled shall be deemed to have practiced naturopathic medicine naturopathy without a license; provided, however, at any time after 6 months after the date of said conviction, the department may grant a license to the person affected, restoring to her or him all the rights and privileges of and pertaining to the practice of naturopathic medicine naturopathy as defined and regulated by this chapter. The fee therefor shall not exceed \$250.

Section 15. Section 462.17, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 462.17 Penalty for offenses relating to <u>naturopathic</u> medicine <del>naturopathy</del>.--Any person who shall:
- (1) Sell, fraudulently obtain, or furnish any naturopathic <u>medicine</u> diploma, license, record, or registration or aid or abet in the same;
- (2) Practice  $\underline{\text{naturopathic medicine}}$   $\underline{\text{naturopathy}}$  under the cover of any diploma, license, record, or registration

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illegally or fraudulently obtained or secured or issued unlawfully or upon fraudulent representations;

- (3) Advertise to practice naturopathic medicine naturopathy under a name other than her or his own or under an assumed name;
- (4) Falsely impersonate another practitioner of a like or different name;
- (5) Practice or advertise to practice naturopathic medicine naturopathy or use in connection with her or his name any designation tending to imply or to designate the person as a practitioner of naturopathic medicine naturopathy without then being lawfully licensed and authorized to practice naturopathic medicine naturopathy in this state; or
- (6) Practice any of the branches of naturopathic medicine, but this shall not be construed to prohibit any other health care practitioner from acting within her or his authorized scope of practice; or
- (7)<del>(6)</del> Practice naturopathic medicine naturopathy during the time her or his license is suspended or revoked

commits shall be guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Section 16. Section 462.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

462.18 Educational requirements. --

(1) At the time each licensee shall renew her or his license as otherwise provided in this chapter, each licensee, beginning with the license renewal due May 1, 1944, in addition to the payment of the regular renewal fee, shall 31 | furnish to the board department satisfactory evidence that, in

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the year preceding each such application for renewal, the 1 licensee has attended the 2-day educational program as 3 promulgated and conducted by the Florida Association of Naturopathic Physicians Association, Inc., or, as a substitute therefor, the equivalent of that program as approved by the board department. The department shall send a written notice to this effect to every person holding a valid license to practice naturopathic medicine naturopathy within this state at least 30 days prior to May 1 in each biennial year, directed to the last known address of such licensee, and shall 10 11 enclose with the notice proper blank forms for application for 12 biennial annual license renewal. All of the details and 13 requirements of the aforesaid educational program shall be 14 adopted and prescribed by the board department. In the event of national emergencies, or for sufficient reason, the board 15 16 department shall have the power to excuse the naturopathic physicians as a group or as individuals from taking this 17 18 postgraduate course.

(2) The determination of whether a substitute annual educational program is necessary shall be solely within the discretion of the board department.

Section 17. Section 462.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 462.19 Renewal of license; inactive status.--
- (1) The department shall renew a license upon receipt of the renewal application and fee.
- (2) The department shall adopt rules establishing a procedure for the biennial renewal of licenses.
- (3) A licensee may request that her or his license be placed in an inactive status by making application to the

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department and paying a fee in an amount set by the <u>board</u> department not to exceed \$50.

Section 18. Section 462.2001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

462.2001 Saving clause.--All licenses to practice naturopathic medicine naturopathy issued pursuant to this chapter and valid on October 1, 1985, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 19. Paragraph (g) of subsection (3) of section 20.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 20.43 Department of Health.--There is created a Department of Health.
- (3) The following divisions of the Department of Health are established:
- 15 (g) Division of Medical Quality Assurance, which is 16 responsible for the following boards and professions 17 established within the division:
  - 1. The Board of Acupuncture, created under chapter 457.
    - 2. The Board of Medicine, created under chapter 458.
  - 3. The Board of Osteopathic Medicine, created under chapter 459.
  - 4. The Board of Chiropractic Medicine, created under chapter 460.
  - 5. The Board of Podiatric Medicine, created under chapter 461.
  - 6. The Board of Naturopathic Medicine Naturopathy, created as provided under chapter 462.
    - 7. The Board of Optometry, created under chapter 463.
- 8. The Board of Nursing, created under part I of chapter 464.

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- Nursing assistants, as provided under part II of chapter 464.
  - 10. The Board of Pharmacy, created under chapter 465.
  - The Board of Dentistry, created under chapter 466. 11.
  - 12. Midwifery, as provided under chapter 467.
- The Board of Speech-Language Pathology and 13. Audiology, created under part I of chapter 468.
- 14. The Board of Nursing Home Administrators, created under part II of chapter 468.
- The Board of Occupational Therapy, created under part III of chapter 468.
- Respiratory therapy, as provided under part V of 16. chapter 468.
- 17. Dietetics and nutrition practice, as provided under part X of chapter 468.
- 18. The Board of Athletic Training, created under part XIII of chapter 468.
- The Board of Orthotists and Prosthetists, created 19. under part XIV of chapter 468.
  - 20. Electrolysis, as provided under chapter 478.
- 21 21. The Board of Massage Therapy, created under 22 chapter 480.
- 23 22. The Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel, created under part III of chapter 483. 24
  - Medical physicists, as provided under part IV of chapter 483.
  - 24. The Board of Opticianry, created under part I of chapter 484.
- 25. The Board of Hearing Aid Specialists, created under part II of chapter 484. 30

1 26. The Board of Physical Therapy Practice, created 2 under chapter 486. 3 27. The Board of Psychology, created under chapter 4 490. 5 28. School psychologists, as provided under chapter 6 490. 7 The Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and 29. 8 Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling, created under 9 chapter 491. 10 11 The department may contract with the Agency for Health Care 12 Administration who shall provide consumer complaint, 13 investigative, and prosecutorial services required by the 14 Division of Medical Quality Assurance, councils, or boards, as 15 appropriate. 16 Section 20. Subsection (1) of section 381.0031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 17 18 381.0031 Report of diseases of public health 19 significance to department .--20 (1) Any practitioner licensed in this state to 21 practice medicine, osteopathic medicine, chiropractic 22 medicine, naturopathic medicine naturopathy, or veterinary medicine; any hospital licensed under part I of chapter 395; 23 or any laboratory licensed under chapter 483 that diagnoses or 24 suspects the existence of a disease of public health 25 26 significance shall immediately report the fact to the 27 Department of Health. 28 Section 21. Subsection (10) of section 468.301, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 29 30 468.301 Definitions.--As used in this part, the term: 31

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"Licensed practitioner" means a person who is licensed or otherwise authorized by law to practice medicine, podiatric medicine, chiropody, osteopathic medicine, naturopathic medicine naturopathy, or chiropractic medicine in this state.

Section 22. Subsection (1) of section 476.044, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

476.044 Exemptions. -- This chapter does not apply to the following persons when practicing pursuant to their professional responsibilities and duties:

(1) Persons authorized under the laws of this state to practice medicine, surgery, osteopathic medicine, chiropractic medicine, naturopathic medicine naturopathy, or podiatric medicine;

Section 23. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 477.0135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

477.0135 Exemptions.--

- (1) This chapter does not apply to the following persons when practicing pursuant to their professional or occupational responsibilities and duties:
- (a) Persons authorized under the laws of this state to practice medicine, surgery, osteopathic medicine, chiropractic medicine, massage, naturopathic medicine naturopathy, or podiatric medicine.

Section 24. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 485.003, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

485.003 Definitions. -- In construing this chapter, the words, phrases, or terms, unless the context otherwise indicates, shall have the following meanings:

"Healing arts" shall mean the practice of (2) 31 | medicine, surgery, psychiatry, dentistry, osteopathic

 medicine, chiropractic medicine, <u>naturopathic medicine</u> naturopathy, podiatric medicine, chiropody, psychology, clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, mental health counseling, and optometry.

(3) "Practitioner of the healing arts" shall mean a person licensed under the laws of the state to practice medicine, surgery, psychiatry, dentistry, osteopathic medicine, chiropractic medicine, naturopathic medicine naturopathy, podiatric medicine, chiropody, psychology, clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, mental health counseling, or optometry within the scope of his or her professional training and competence and within the purview of the statutes applicable to his or her respective profession, and who may refer a patient for treatment by a qualified person, who shall employ hypnotic techniques under the supervision, direction, prescription, and responsibility of such referring practitioner.

Section 25. Subsection (1) of section 486.161, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

486.161 Exemptions.--

(1) No provision of this chapter shall be construed to prohibit any person licensed in this state from using any physical agent as a part of, or incidental to, the lawful practice of her or his profession under the statutes applicable to the profession of chiropractic physician, podiatric physician, doctor of medicine, massage therapist, nurse, osteopathic physician or surgeon, occupational therapist, or <u>naturopathic physician</u> naturopath.

Section 26. Paragraph (h) of subsection (4) of section 627.351, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.351 Insurance risk apportionment plans.--

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- (4) MEDICAL MALPRACTICE RISK APPORTIONMENT. --
- (h) As used in this subsection:
- "Health care provider" means hospitals licensed under chapter 395; physicians licensed under chapter 458; osteopathic physicians licensed under chapter 459; podiatric physicians licensed under chapter 461; dentists licensed under chapter 466; chiropractic physicians licensed under chapter 460; naturopathic physicians naturopaths licensed under chapter 462; nurses licensed under part I of chapter 464; midwives licensed under chapter 467; clinical laboratories registered under chapter 483; physician assistants licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459; physical therapists and physical therapist assistants licensed under chapter 486; health maintenance organizations certificated under part I of chapter 641; ambulatory surgical centers licensed under chapter 395; other medical facilities as defined in subparagraph 2.; blood banks, plasma centers, industrial clinics, and renal dialysis facilities; or professional associations, partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, or other associations for professional activity by health care providers.
- 2. "Other medical facility" means a facility the primary purpose of which is to provide human medical diagnostic services or a facility providing nonsurgical human medical treatment, to which facility the patient is admitted and from which facility the patient is discharged within the same working day, and which facility is not part of a hospital. However, a facility existing for the primary purpose of performing terminations of pregnancy or an office maintained by a physician or dentist for the practice of

1 medicine shall not be construed to be an "other medical 2 facility." 3 "Health care facility" means any hospital licensed 4 under chapter 395, health maintenance organization 5 certificated under part I of chapter 641, ambulatory surgical 6 center licensed under chapter 395, or other medical facility 7 as defined in subparagraph 2. 8 Section 27. Subsection (19) of section 893.02, Florida 9 Statutes, is amended to read: 10 893.02 Definitions.--The following words and phrases 11 as used in this chapter shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires: 12 13 (19) "Practitioner" means a physician licensed 14 pursuant to chapter 458, a dentist licensed pursuant to chapter 466, a veterinarian licensed pursuant to chapter 474, 15 16 an osteopathic physician licensed pursuant to chapter 459, a 17 naturopathic physician naturopath licensed pursuant to chapter 462, or a podiatric physician licensed pursuant to chapter 18 461, provided such practitioner holds a valid federal 19 20 controlled substance registry number. 21 Section 28. Paragraph (g) of subsection (3) of section 22 921.0022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity 23 24 ranking chart.--(3) OFFENSE SEVERITY RANKING CHART 25 26 27 Florida Felony 28 Statute Description Degree 29 30 (q) LEVEL 7 31

1	316.193(3)(c)2.	3rd	DUI resulting in serious bodily
2			injury.
3	327.35(3)(c)2.	3rd	Vessel BUI resulting in serious
4			bodily injury.
5	402.319(2)	2nd	Misrepresentation and negligence
6			or intentional act resulting in
7			great bodily harm, permanent
8			disfiguration, permanent
9			disability, or death.
10	409.920(2)	3rd	Medicaid provider fraud.
11	456.065(2)	3rd	Practicing a health care
12			profession without a license.
13	456.065(2)	2nd	Practicing a health care
14			profession without a license
15			which results in serious bodily
16			injury.
17	458.327(1)	3rd	Practicing medicine without a
18			license.
19	459.013(1)	3rd	Practicing osteopathic medicine
20			without a license.
21	460.411(1)	3rd	Practicing chiropractic medicine
22			without a license.
23	461.012(1)	3rd	Practicing podiatric medicine
24			without a license.
25	462.17	3rd	Practicing <u>naturopathic medicine</u>
26			naturopathy without a license.
27	463.015(1)	3rd	Practicing optometry without a
28			license.
29	464.016(1)	3rd	Practicing nursing without a
30			license.
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1	465.015(2)	3rd	Practicing pharmacy without a
2			license.
3	466.026(1)	3rd	Practicing dentistry or dental
4			hygiene without a license.
5	467.201	3rd	Practicing midwifery without a
6			license.
7	468.366	3rd	Delivering respiratory care
8			services without a license.
9	483.828(1)	3rd	Practicing as clinical laboratory
10			personnel without a license.
11	483.901(9)	3rd	Practicing medical physics
12			without a license.
13	484.013(1)(c)	3rd	Preparing or dispensing optical
14			devices without a prescription.
15	484.053	3rd	Dispensing hearing aids without a
16			license.
17	494.0018(2)	1st	Conviction of any violation of
18			ss. 494.001-494.0077 in which the
19			total money and property
20			unlawfully obtained exceeded
21			\$50,000 and there were five or
22			more victims.
23	560.123(8)(b)1.	3rd	Failure to report currency or
24			payment instruments exceeding
25			\$300 but less than \$20,000 by
26			money transmitter.
27	560.125(5)(a)	3rd	Money transmitter business by
28			unauthorized person, currency or
29			payment instruments exceeding
30			\$300 but less than \$20,000.
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1	655.50(10)(b)1.	3rd	Failure to report financial
2			transactions exceeding \$300 but
3			less than \$20,000 by financial
4			institution.
5	782.051(3)	2nd	Attempted felony murder of a
6			person by a person other than the
7			perpetrator or the perpetrator of
8			an attempted felony.
9	782.07(1)	2nd	Killing of a human being by the
10			act, procurement, or culpable
11			negligence of another
12			(manslaughter).
13	782.071	2nd	Killing of human being or viable
14			fetus by the operation of a motor
15			vehicle in a reckless manner
16			(vehicular homicide).
17	782.072	2nd	Killing of a human being by the
18			operation of a vessel in a
19			reckless manner (vessel
20			homicide).
21	784.045(1)(a)1.	2nd	Aggravated battery; intentionally
22			causing great bodily harm or
23			disfigurement.
24	784.045(1)(a)2.	2nd	Aggravated battery; using deadly
25			weapon.
26	784.045(1)(b)	2nd	Aggravated battery; perpetrator
27			aware victim pregnant.
28	784.048(4)	3rd	Aggravated stalking; violation of
29			injunction or court order.
30	784.07(2)(d)	1st	Aggravated battery on law
31			enforcement officer.

784.074(1)(a)	1st	Aggravated battery on sexually
		violent predators facility staff.
784.08(2)(a)	1st	Aggravated battery on a person 65
		years of age or older.
784.081(1)	1st	Aggravated battery on specified
		official or employee.
784.082(1)	1st	Aggravated battery by detained
		person on visitor or other
		detainee.
784.083(1)	1st	Aggravated battery on code
		inspector.
790.07(4)	1st	Specified weapons violation
		subsequent to previous conviction
		of s. 790.07(1) or (2).
790.16(1)	1st	Discharge of a machine gun under
		specified circumstances.
790.166(3)	2nd	Possessing, selling, using, or
		attempting to use a hoax weapon
		of mass destruction.
796.03	2nd	Procuring any person under 16
		years for prostitution.
800.04(5)(c)1.	2nd	Lewd or lascivious molestation;
		victim less than 12 years of age;
		offender less than 18 years.
800.04(5)(c)2.	2nd	Lewd or lascivious molestation;
		victim 12 years of age or older
		but less than 16 years; offender
		18 years or older.
806.01(2)	2nd	Maliciously damage structure by
		fire or explosive.
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1	810.02(3)(a)	2nd	Burglary of occupied dwelling;
2			unarmed; no assault or battery.
3	810.02(3)(b)	2nd	Burglary of unoccupied dwelling;
4			unarmed; no assault or battery.
5	810.02(3)(d)	2nd	Burglary of occupied conveyance;
6			unarmed; no assault or battery.
7	812.014(2)(a)	1st	Property stolen, valued at
8			\$100,000 or more; cargo stolen
9			valued at \$50,000, or more;
10			property stolen while causing
11			other property damage; 1st degree
12			grand theft.
13	812.014(2)(b)2.	2nd	Property stolen, emergency
14			medical equipment; 2nd degree
15			grand theft.
16	812.019(2)	1st	Stolen property; initiates,
17			organizes, plans, etc., the theft
18			of property and traffics in
19			stolen property.
20	812.131(2)(a)	2nd	Robbery by sudden snatching.
21	812.133(2)(b)	1st	Carjacking; no firearm, deadly
22			weapon, or other weapon.
23	817.234(11)(c)	1st	Insurance fraud; property value
24			\$100,000 or more.
25	825.102(3)(b)	2nd	Neglecting an elderly person or
26			disabled adult causing great
27			bodily harm, disability, or
28			disfigurement.
29	825.1025(2)	2nd	Lewd or lascivious battery upon
30			an elderly person or disabled
31			adult.

1	825.103(2)(b)	2nd	Exploiting an elderly person or
2			disabled adult and property is
3			valued at \$20,000 or more, but
4			less than \$100,000.
5	827.03(3)(b)	2nd	Neglect of a child causing great
6			bodily harm, disability, or
7			disfigurement.
8	827.04(3)	3rd	Impregnation of a child under 16
9			years of age by person 21 years
10			of age or older.
11	837.05(2)	3rd	Giving false information about
12			alleged capital felony to a law
13			enforcement officer.
14	872.06	2nd	Abuse of a dead human body.
15	893.13(1)(c)1.	1st	Sell, manufacture, or deliver
16			cocaine (or other drug prohibited
17			under s. 893.03(1)(a), (1)(b),
18			(1)(d), (2)(a), (2)(b), or
19			(2)(c)4.) within 1,000 feet of a
20			child care facility or school.
21	893.13(1)(e)1.	1st	Sell, manufacture, or deliver
22			cocaine or other drug prohibited
23			under s. 893.03(1)(a), (1)(b),
24			(1)(d), (2)(a), (2)(b), or
25			(2)(c)4., within 1,000 feet of
26			property used for religious
27			services or a specified business
28			site.
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1	893.13(4)(a)	1st	Deliver to minor cocaine (or
2			other s. 893.03(1)(a), (1)(b),
3			(1)(d), (2)(a), (2)(b), or
4			(2)(c)4. drugs).
5	893.135(1)(a)1.	1st	Trafficking in cannabis, more
6			than 25 lbs., less than 2,000
7			lbs.
8	893.135		
9	(1)(b)1.a.	1st	Trafficking in cocaine, more than
10			28 grams, less than 200 grams.
11	893.135		
12	(1)(c)1.a.	1st	Trafficking in illegal drugs,
13			more than 4 grams, less than 14
14			grams.
15	893.135		
16	(1)(d)1.	1st	Trafficking in phencyclidine,
17			more than 28 grams, less than 200
18			grams.
19	893.135(1)(e)1.	1st	Trafficking in methaqualone, more
20			than 200 grams, less than 5
21			kilograms.
22	893.135(1)(f)1.	1st	Trafficking in amphetamine, more
23			than 14 grams, less than 28
24			grams.
25	893.135		
26	(1)(g)1.a.	1st	Trafficking in flunitrazepam, 4
27			grams or more, less than 14
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2	(1)(h)1.a.	1st	Trafficking in
3			gamma-hydroxybutyric acid (GHB),
4			1 kilogram or more, less than 5
5			kilograms.
6	893.135		
7	(1)(i)1.a.	1st	Trafficking in 1,4-Butanediol, 1
8			kilogram or more, less than 5
9			kilograms.
10	893.135		
11	(1)(j)2.a.	1st	Trafficking in Phenethylamines,
12			10 grams or more, less than 200
13			grams.
14	896.101(5)(a)	3rd	Money laundering, financial
15			transactions exceeding \$300 but
16			less than \$20,000.
17	896.104(4)(a)1.	3rd	Structuring transactions to evade
18			reporting or registration
19			requirements, financial
20			transactions exceeding \$300 but
21			less than \$20,000.
22	Section 29. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.		
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25		HOU	SE SUMMARY
26	Revises the prac	tice act	for naturopathic medicine to
27	reopen the profe	ssion to	licensure and to transfer the Department of Health to a
28	newly created Bo	ard of Na	turopathic Medicine. Provides o purpose, exceptions,
29	rulemaking autho	rity, gen	eral licensure requirements, and naturopathic physicians.
30	Revises existing		ns of the practice act to
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