1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to naturopathic medicine; changing the 3 title of ch. 462, F.S., from "Naturopathy" to 4 "Naturopathic Medicine"; amending s. 462.01, F.S.; 5 revising and providing definitions; creating s. 462.0215, F.S.; creating the Board of Naturopathic Medicine; 6 7 providing membership and duties of the board; providing 8 guidelines for probable cause panels and disciplinary 9 decisions; providing applicability of ch. 456, F.S.; amending s. 462.023, F.S.; providing powers and duties of 10 the board under ch. 462, F.S., including rulemaking 11 authority; deleting obsolete language; amending s. 462.08, 12 F.S.; conforming terminology; amending s. 462.11, F.S.; 13 conforming and correcting terminology; amending s. 462.13, 14 F.S.; providing additional powers and duties of the board; 15 16 amending s. 462.14, F.S.; specifying authority of the 17 department and the board with respect to disciplinary 18 action and revising grounds for disciplinary action with 19 respect to such authority; conforming terminology; 20 amending s. 462.16, F.S.; specifying authority for setting the fee for the reissuance of license under certain 21 circumstances; conforming terminology; amending s. 462.17, 22 23 F.S.; conforming terminology; amending s. 462.18, F.S., relating to educational requirements; conforming 24 25 terminology; amending s. 462.19, F.S.; increasing the 26 maximum amount at which the inactive status fee may be 27 set; creating s. 462.193, F.S.; providing requirements for 28 licensure as a naturopathic physician; providing fees;

providing grounds for denying or restricting licenses; providing for the applicability of certain rights to naturopathic physicians who have certain qualifications; creating s. 462.195, F.S.; providing exemptions from licensure requirements; amending s. 462.2001, F.S.; updating the saving clause; conforming terminology; providing that certain rights and privileges of active licensees are retained; 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. <u>Chapter 462, Florida Statutes, which is</u> entitled "Naturopathy," is redesignated as "Naturopathic Medicine."

Section 2. Section 462.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

462.01 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) "Approved naturopathic medical program" means:

 (a) A naturopathic medical education program in the United States accredited by the Council on Naturopathic Medical

Education or an equivalent federally recognized accrediting body

 for the naturopathic medical profession recognized by the board. This program shall offer graduate-level full-time didactic and

supervised clinical training leading to the degree of Doctor of

Naturopathic Medicine. Additionally, the program shall be an

institution, or part of an institution, of higher education that is either accredited or is a candidate for accreditation by an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education; or

- (b) A degree-granting college or university that is reputable and in good standing in the judgment of the board and that offers a full-time structured curriculum in basic sciences and supervised patient care comprising a doctoral naturopathic medical education. As a prerequisite to graduation, a student shall be enrolled for not less than 132 weeks and shall complete the course of study within a period of not less than 35 months.
  - (2) "Board" means the Board of Naturopathic Medicine.
  - (3)(2) "Department" means the Department of Health.
- (4) "Doctor of naturopathic medicine," "naturopathic doctor," or "naturopathic physician" means a person licensed to practice naturopathic medicine under this chapter.
- (5) "Minor surgeries and procedures" means the excision of skin lesions, moles, warts, cysts, and limpomas, the repair of lacerations, or surgery limited to the skin and subcutaneous tissue performed under topical or local anesthesia and which does not involve a drug-induced alteration of consciousness other than preoperative tranquilization.
- <u>(6)(1)</u> "Natureopathy" and "Naturopathy" and "naturopathic medicine" shall be construed as synonymous terms and mean a distinct and comprehensive system of primary health care for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of human health conditions, injuries, and disease; the promotion or restoration of health; and the support and stimulation of a patient's self-healing

processes through patient education and use of natural therapies
and therapeutic substances. A doctor of naturopathic medicine
employs the use and practice of psychological, mechanical, and
material health sciences to aid in purifying, cleansing, and
normalizing human tissues for the preservation or restoration of
health, according to the fundamental principles of anatomy,
physiology, and applied psychology, as may be required.
Naturopathic <u>medicine</u> <del>practice</del> employs, among other agencies,
phytotherapy, dietetics, psychotherapy, suggestotherapy,
hydrotherapy, zone therapy, biochemistry, external applications,
electrotherapy, mechanotherapy, mechanical and electrical
appliances, hygiene, first aid, sanitation, $\underline{\text{minor surgeries and}}$
procedures, administration of vitamins, food, and food
<pre>supplements, and heliotherapy.; provided, However, that nothing</pre>
in this chapter shall be held or construed to authorize any
doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, or
naturopathic physician licensed $\underline{\text{under this chapter}}$ $\underline{\text{hereunder}}$ to
practice materia medica, or surgery, or chiropractic medicine,
acupuncture, oriental medicine, child birth attendance, or
$\underline{\text{midwifery,}}$ nor shall the provisions of this $\underline{\text{chapter}}$ $\underline{\text{law}}$ in any
manner apply to or affect the practice of osteopathic medicine,
chiropractic medicine, Christian Science, the examination,
diagnosis, and treatment of teeth and gums, or any other
treatment authorized and provided for by law for the cure or
prevention of disease and ailments.
Section 3. Section 462.0215, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:

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462.0215 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)(a) Five members of the board must be:

- 1. Licensed doctors of naturopathic medicine or naturopathic physicians in good standing in this state who are residents of the state and who have been engaged in the practice of naturopathic medicine for at least 5 years; or
- 2. Persons who have been teaching naturopathic medicine and who hold a doctorate of naturopathic medicine from an institution accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education.
- (b) The remaining two members of the board must be residents of the state who are not and never have been licensed health care practitioners.
- (c) At least one member of the board must be 60 years of age or older.
- (3) For the purpose of staggering terms, the Governor shall initially appoint to the board three members for terms of 4 years each, two members for terms of 3 years each, and two members for terms of 2 years each. As the terms of board members expire, the Governor shall appoint successors for terms of 4 years and such members shall serve until their successors are appointed.
- (4) The board, in conjunction with the department, shall establish a disciplinary training program for members of the board. The program shall provide for initial and periodic training in the grounds for disciplinary action, the actions

that may be taken by the board and the department, changes in relevant statutes and rules, and any relevant judicial and administrative decisions. A member of the board may not participate on a probable cause panel or in a disciplinary decision of the board unless she or he has completed the disciplinary training program.

- (5) During the time members of the board serve on a probable cause panel, they shall attempt to complete their work on every case presented to them. If consideration of a case is begun but is not completed during the term of the board members on the panel, they may reconvene as a probable cause panel for the purpose of completing their deliberations on that case.
- (6) All provisions of chapter 456 relating to activities of the board are applicable.

Section 4. Section 462.023, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

department.—The board and the department may adopt such rules as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter, may initiate disciplinary action as provided by this chapter, and shall establish fees as provided by this chapter based on their its estimates of the revenue required to administer this chapter provided the fees do 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 5. Section 462.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

Medicine naturopathy.--Each licensee licenseholder shall biennially renew her or his license to practice naturopathic medicine 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 \$1,000, must be paid at the time the application for renewal of the license is filed.

Section 6. Section 462.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

doctors, or naturopathic physicians Naturopaths to observe regulations.—Doctors of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctors, or naturopathic physicians 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 other practitioners of the healing arts art.

Section 7. Section 462.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

462.13 Additional powers and duties of the department <u>and</u> the board.--The department <u>and the board</u> may administer oaths, summon witnesses, and take testimony in all matters relating to

their 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 department and the board shall aid the prosecuting attorneys of the state in the enforcement of this chapter.

Section 8. Section 462.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 462.14 Grounds for disciplinary action; action by the department or the board.--
- (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, by fraudulent misrepresentation, or through an error of the department or the board.
- (b) Having a license to practice naturopathic medicine revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against, including the 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 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.

- (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 or the board.
- (g) Aiding, assisting, procuring, or advising any unlicensed person to practice naturopathic medicine contrary to this chapter or to a rule of the department or the board.
- (h) Failing to perform any statutory or legal obligation placed upon a licensed doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, or naturopathic physician.
- (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 doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, or naturopathic physician.
- (j) 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 referred to providers of health care goods and services, 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 doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, or naturopathic

physician from receiving a fee for professional consultation services.

- (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.
- (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 medical community.
- (m) 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.
- (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.
- (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 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."

- (p) 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.
- (q) Prescribing, dispensing, administering, mixing, or otherwise preparing a legend drug, including any controlled substance, other than in the course of the doctor of naturopathic medicine's, naturopathic doctor's, or 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 doctor of naturopathic medicine's, naturopathic doctor's, or naturopathic physician's professional practice, without regard to her or his intent.
- (r) Prescribing, dispensing, or administering any medicinal drug appearing on any schedule set forth in chapter 893 by the doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, or naturopathic physician to herself or himself, except one prescribed, dispensed, or administered to the doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, or naturopathic physician by another practitioner authorized to prescribe, dispense, or administer medicinal drugs.

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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 department shall have, upon probable cause, authority to compel a doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, or naturopathic physician to submit to a mental or physical examination by physicians designated by the department. The failure of a doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, or 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 doctor of naturopathic medicine's, naturopathic doctor's, or naturopathic physician's control. A doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, or 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 department may be used against a doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, or naturopathic physician in any other proceeding.

(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 <u>board department</u> shall give great weight to the provisions of s. 766.102 when enforcing this paragraph.

- (u) Performing any procedure or prescribing any therapy which, by the prevailing standards of medical practice in the community, constitutes experimentation on a human subject, without first obtaining full, informed, and written consent.
- (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.
- (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.
- (x) Violating a lawful order of the department or the board previously entered in a disciplinary hearing or failing to comply with a lawfully issued subpoena of the department.
- (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.
- (z) Procuring, or aiding or abetting in the procuring of, an unlawful termination of pregnancy.
  - (aa) Presigning blank prescription forms.
- (bb) Prescribing by the <u>doctor of naturopathic medicine</u>, naturopathic doctor, or naturopathic physician <del>for office use</del>

any <u>controlled substance</u> <u>medicinal drug</u> appearing on <u>Schedule I,</u> Schedule II, or Schedule III in chapter 893.

- (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 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 <u>board</u> <del>department</del> 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.

(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 <u>board</u> <u>department</u> shall not reinstate the license of a <u>doctor of naturopathic medicine</u>, <u>naturopathic doctor</u>, <u>or</u> naturopathic physician until such time as the <u>board</u> <u>department</u> 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 9. Section 462.16, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 462.16 Reissue of license. -- Any person who <u>practices</u> <u>naturopathic medicine</u> <u>shall practice naturopathy</u> after her or his license has been revoked <u>and registration annulled</u> shall be deemed to have practiced <u>naturopathic medicine</u> <u>naturopathy</u> without a license; <u>provided</u>, however, at any time after 6 months after the date of license revocation <u>said conviction</u>, 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 <u>naturopathic medicine</u> <u>naturopathy</u> as defined and regulated by this chapter. The fee therefor shall <u>be set by the</u> board not to exceed \$250.

Section 10. Section 462.17, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 462.17 Penalty for offenses relating to <u>naturopathic</u> medicine <u>naturopathy</u>.--Any person who shall:
- (1) Sell, fraudulently obtain, or furnish any naturopathic diploma, license, record, or registration or aid or abet in the same;
- (2) Practice <u>naturopathic medicine</u> naturopathy under the cover of any diploma, license, record, or registration illegally or fraudulently obtained or secured or issued unlawfully or upon fraudulent representations;
- (3) Advertise to practice <u>naturopathic medicine</u>

  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 <u>naturopathic</u>

  <u>medicine</u> <u>naturopathy</u> or use in connection with her or his name
  any designation tending to imply or to designate the person as a
  practitioner of <u>naturopathic medicine</u> <u>naturopathy</u> without then
  being lawfully licensed and authorized to practice <u>naturopathic</u>
  medicine <u>naturopathy</u> in this state; or

(6) Practice <u>naturopathic medicine</u> naturopathy during the time her or his license is suspended or revoked

449 <u>commits</u> <del>shall be guilty of</del> a felony of the third degree,

punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Section 11. Section 462.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

462.18 Educational requirements.--

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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 furnish to the board department satisfactory evidence that, in the year preceding each such application for renewal, the licensee has attended the 2-day educational program as promulgated and conducted by the Florida 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 enclose with the notice proper blank forms for application for annual license renewal. All of the details and requirements of the aforesaid educational program shall be adopted and prescribed by the board department. In the event of national emergencies, or for sufficient reason, the board may department shall have the power to excuse the naturopathic

physicians as a group or as individuals from taking this 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 12. Subsection (3) of section 462.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 462.19 Renewal of license; inactive status.--
- (3) A licensee may request that her or his license be placed in an inactive status by making application to the department and paying a fee in an amount set by the department not to exceed \$100 \$50.
- Section 13. Section 462.193, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
  - 462.193 Licensure by examination; requirements; fees.--
- (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, or naturopathic physician shall apply to the department on forms furnished by the department. The department shall license each applicant who the board certifies:
- (a) Has completed the application form and remitted a nonrefundable application fee set by the board not to exceed \$500.
  - (b) Is at least 21 years of age.
  - (c) Is of good moral character.
- (d) Has not committed any act or offense in this or any other jurisdiction which would constitute the basis for

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disciplining a doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, or naturopathic physician pursuant to s. 462.14.

- (e) Has been awarded a bachelor's degree from an institution holding accreditation from a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education, and which program included, at a minimum and as determined by rule of the board, courses in such fields as anatomy, biology, and chemistry prior to entering naturopathic medical school.
- (f) Meets one of the following naturopathic medical education and postgraduate training requirements:
- 1. Is a graduate of an approved naturopathic medical
  program;
- 2. Is a graduate of an approved school of naturopathic medicine which is licensed by the Florida Commission for Independent Education to grant the degree of Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine; or
- 3. Is a graduate of a foreign medical school certified by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) to be examined in the basic and clinical medical sciences, or a graduate of an accredited United States allopathic, chiropractic, or osteopathic medical school, and has completed a 2-year course in naturopathic medicine from an approved naturopathic medical program.
- (g) Has submitted to the department a set of fingerprints on a form and in accordance with procedures specified by the department, along with payment in an amount equal to the costs incurred by the department for the criminal background check of the applicant.

(h) Has obtained a passing score on a competency-based national naturopathic licensing examination, including the examination on minor surgery, administered by the North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners or an equivalent agency recognized by the board. For graduates of approved naturopathic schools as defined in s. 462.01(1)(b), eligibility for licensure may be granted upon presentation of evidence of successful passage of a board-approved state competency examination or a Canadian provincial examination. For graduates of foreign medical schools or allopathic, osteopathic, or chiropractic medical schools who have completed a 2-year course in naturopathic medicine from an approved naturopathic medical program, eligibility for licensure may be granted upon presentation of evidence of successful passage of the applicable medical examinations, parts one and two.

- (i) Has completed an approved internship or residency of at least 1 year.
- (j) Is physically and mentally fit to practice as a doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, or naturopathic physician.
- (k) Has not had her or his license to practice any profession refused, revoked, or suspended by any other state, district, or territory of the United States or another country for reasons that relate to her or his ability to skillfully and safely practice as a doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, or naturopathic physician in this state.
  - (1) Has not been found guilty of a felony.

(2) As prescribed by board rule, the board may require an applicant who does not pass the licensing examination after five attempts to complete additional remedial education or training. The board shall prescribe the additional requirements in a manner that permits the applicant to complete the requirements and be reexamined within 2 years after the date the applicant petitions the board to retake the examination a sixth or subsequent time.

- applicants for licensure meet the criteria in subsection (1) through an investigative process. When the investigation 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 must be in writing and sufficient to notify the applicant of the reason for the delay. This subsection controls over any conflicting provisions of s. 120.60(1).
- (4) The board may not certify to the department for licensure any applicant who is under investigation in another jurisdiction for an offense that would constitute a violation of this chapter until the investigation has been completed. Upon completion of the investigation, s. 462.14 applies. Furthermore, the department may not issue an unrestricted license to any individual who has committed an act or offense in any jurisdiction which would constitute the basis for disciplining a doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, or naturopathic physician under s. 462.14. If the board finds that

an individual has committed an act or offense in any jurisdiction which would constitute the basis for disciplining a doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, or naturopathic physician under s. 462.14, the board may enter an order imposing one or more of the sanctions set forth in subsection (7).

- (5) Each applicant who meets the requirements of this chapter shall be licensed as a doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, or naturopathic physician, with rights as defined by law.
- (6) Upon certification by the board, the department shall impose conditions, limitations, or restrictions on a license if the applicant is on probation in another jurisdiction for an act that would constitute a violation of this chapter.
- (7) If the board determines that an applicant for licensure has failed to meet, to the board's satisfaction, any of the applicable requirements set forth in this section, it may enter an order that imposes one or more of the following sanctions:
- (a) Refusal to certify to the department an application for licensure.
- (b) Certification to the department of an application for licensure with restrictions on the scope of practice of the doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, or naturopathic physician.
- (c) Certification to the department of an application for licensure with placement of the doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, or naturopathic physician on probation for

a period of time and subject to such conditions as the board specifies, including, but not limited to, requiring the doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, or naturopathic physician to submit to treatment, attend continuing education courses, submit to reexamination, or work under the supervision of another doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, or naturopathic physician.

- (8) A physician who holds the doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy degree, who has completed a 1-year internship approved by the American Medical Association or the American Osteopathic Association, and who is licensed under this section as a doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, or naturopathic physician has rights and privileges equal to those of physicians licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459.
- Section 14. Section 462.195, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
- 462.195 Exemptions from naturopathic licensure requirements.--Licensure requirements for practitioners of naturopathic medicine under this chapter are inapplicable to:
- (1) Any individual who is engaged in selling vitamins, health foods, dietary supplements, herbs, or other products of nature, the sale of which is not otherwise prohibited under state or federal law. This exemption does not:
- (a) Allow a person to diagnose any human disease, ailment, injury, infirmity, deformity, pain, or other condition; or
- (b) Prohibit providing information regarding any of the products listed in this subsection, which information is truthful and is not misleading.

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(2) Any individual who is:

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- (a) Engaged in good faith in the practice of the religious tenets of any church or religious belief, without the use of prescription drugs; or
- (b) Acting in good faith for religious reasons as a matter of conscience or on the basis of a personal belief when obtaining or providing information regarding health care and the use of any product.
- (3) Any individual who is administering a domestic or family remedy.
- (4) No provision of this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a physician licensed under chapter 458; an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 459; a chiropractic physician licensed under chapter 460; a podiatric physician licensed under chapter 461; an optometrist licensed under chapter 463; an advanced registered nurse practitioner, registered nurse, or licensed practical nurse licensed under part I of chapter 464; an occupational therapist licensed under part III of chapter 468; a massage therapist licensed under chapter 480; a physical therapist licensed under chapter 486; a psychologist licensed under chapter 490; or a clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or mental health counselor licensed under chapter 491 from the lawful practice of her or his profession. Section 15. Section 462.2001, Florida Statutes, is amended
- to read:
- 462.2001 Saving clause. -- All licenses to practice naturopathic medicine naturopathy issued pursuant to this

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667 chapter and valid on July 1, 2005 October 1, 1985, shall remain 668 in full force and effect.

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- Section 16. Doctors of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctors, or naturopathic physicians who hold a license on the effective date of this act shall retain the same rights and privileges as they had before implementation of the amendments to chapter 462, Florida Statutes, by this act.
- 674 Section 17. Paragraph (g) of subsection (3) of section 675 20.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 20.43 Department of Health.--There is created a Department of Health.
  - The following divisions of the Department of Health are established:
  - (q) Division of Medical Quality Assurance, which is responsible for the following boards and professions established within the division:
    - The Board of Acupuncture, created under chapter 457.
    - The Board of Medicine, created under chapter 458. 2.
- The Board of Osteopathic Medicine, created under 686 chapter 459.
  - The Board of Chiropractic Medicine, created under chapter 460.
- 689 The Board of Podiatric Medicine, created under chapter 461. 690
  - The Board of Naturopathic Medicine Naturopathy, created as provided under chapter 462.
    - The Board of Optometry, created under chapter 463.

8. The Board of Nursing, created under part I of chapter 464.

- 9. Nursing assistants, as provided under part II of chapter 464.
  - 10. The Board of Pharmacy, created under chapter 465.
  - 11. The Board of Dentistry, created under chapter 466.
- 700 12. Midwifery, as provided under chapter 467.

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- 701 13. The Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology,
  702 created under part I of chapter 468.
- 703 14. The Board of Nursing Home Administrators, created under part II of chapter 468.
- 705 15. The Board of Occupational Therapy, created under part 706 III of chapter 468.
- 707 16. Respiratory therapy, as provided under part V of 708 chapter 468.
- 709 17. Dietetics and nutrition practice, as provided under 710 part X of chapter 468.
- 711 18. The Board of Athletic Training, created under part 712 XIII of chapter 468.
- 713 19. The Board of Orthotists and Prosthetists, created 714 under part XIV of chapter 468.
- 715 20. Electrolysis, as provided under chapter 478.
- 716 21. The Board of Massage Therapy, created under chapter 717 480.
- 718 22. The Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel, created 719 under part III of chapter 483.
- 720 23. Medical physicists, as provided under part IV of 721 chapter 483.

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722 24. The Board of Opticianry, created under part I of 723 chapter 484.

- 25. The Board of Hearing Aid Specialists, created under part II of chapter 484.
- 726 26. The Board of Physical Therapy Practice, created under 727 chapter 486.
  - 27. The Board of Psychology, created under chapter 490.
  - 28. School psychologists, as provided under chapter 490.
- 730 29. The Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family
  731 Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling, created under chapter
  732 491.
- 733 Section 18. Subsection (1) of section 381.0031, Florida 734 Statutes, is amended to read:
- 735 381.0031 Report of diseases of public health significance 736 to department.--
  - (1) Any practitioner licensed in this state to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine, chiropractic medicine, naturopathic medicine naturopathy, or veterinary medicine; any hospital licensed under part I of chapter 395; or any laboratory licensed under chapter 483 that diagnoses or suspects the existence of a disease of public health significance shall immediately report the fact to the Department of Health.

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- 745 This section does not affect s. 384.25.
- Section 19. Subsection (10) of section 468.301, Florida
  747 Statutes, is amended to read:
- 748 468.301 Definitions.--As used in this part, the term:

(10) "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 20. 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, <u>naturopathic medicine</u> naturopathy, or podiatric medicine;
- Section 21. 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, <u>naturopathic medicine</u> naturopathy, or podiatric medicine.
- Section 22. 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:

- (2) "Healing arts" shall mean the practice of 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, 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 23. 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 doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, or naturopathic physician naturopath.

Section 24. Paragraph (h) of subsection (4) of section 627.351, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.351 Insurance risk apportionment plans.--

- (4) MEDICAL MALPRACTICE RISK APPORTIONMENT. --
- (h) As used in this subsection:

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"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; doctors of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctors, or 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 medicine shall not be construed to be an "other medical facility."
- 3. "Health care facility" means any hospital licensed under chapter 395, health maintenance organization certificated under part I of chapter 641, ambulatory surgical center licensed under chapter 395, or other medical facility as defined in subparagraph 2.
- Section 25. Subsection (19) of section 893.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 893.02 Definitions.--The following words and phrases as used in this chapter shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires:
- (19) "Practitioner" means a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 458, a dentist licensed pursuant to chapter 466, a veterinarian licensed pursuant to chapter 474, an osteopathic physician licensed pursuant to chapter 459, a doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor, or naturopathic physician naturopath licensed pursuant to chapter 462, or a

858	podiatric physician licensed pursuant to chapter 461, provided			
859	such practitioner holds a valid federal controlled substance			
860	registry number.			
861	Section 26. Paragraph (g) of subsection (3) of section			
862	921.0022, Florida S	Statutes, is amend	led to read:	
863	921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity			
864	ranking chart			
865	(3) OFFENSE	SEVERITY RANKING (	CHART	
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	Florida	Felony	Description	
	Statute	Degree		
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	316.027(1)(b)	2nd	Accident involving	
			death, failure to	
			stop; leaving scene.	
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	316.193(3)(c)2.	3rd	DUI resulting in	
			serious bodily	
			injury.	
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	316.1935(3)(b)	1st	Causing serious	
			bodily injury or	
			death to another	
			person; driving at	
			high speed or with	
			wanton disregard for	
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			safety while fleeing or attempting to
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			enforcement officer
			who is in a patrol
			vehicle with siren
			and lights
			activated.
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	327.35(3)(c)2.	3rd	Vessel BUI resulting
			in serious bodily
			injury.
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	402.319(2)	2nd	Misrepresentation
			and negligence or
			intentional act
			resulting in great
			bodily harm,
			permanent
			disfiguration,
			permanent
			disability, or
			death.
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	409.920(2)	3rd	Medicaid provider
			fraud.
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	456.065(2)	3rd	Practicing a health
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			without a license.
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	456.065(2)	2nd	Practicing a health
			care profession
			without a license
			which results in
			serious bodily
			injury.
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	458.327(1)	3rd	Practicing medicine
			without a license.
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	459.013(1)	3rd	Practicing
			osteopathic medicine
			without a license.
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	460.411(1)	3rd	Practicing
			chiropractic
			medicine without a
			license.
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	461.012(1)	3rd	Practicing podiatric
			medicine without a
			license.
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	462.17	3rd	Practicing
			naturopathic

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881			<pre>medicine naturopathy without a license.</pre>
	463.015(1)	3rd	Practicing optometry without a license.
882	464.016(1)	3rd	Practicing nursing without a license.
883	465.015(2)	3rd	Practicing pharmacy without a license.
884	466.026(1)	3rd	Practicing dentistry or dental hygiene without a license.
885	467.201	3rd	Practicing midwifery
886			without a license.
	468.366	3rd	Delivering respiratory care services without a license.
887	483.828(1)	3rd	Practicing as clinical laboratory personnel without a license.

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888	483.901(9)	3rd	Practicing medical
889			physics without a license.
	484.013(1)(c)	3rd	Preparing or dispensing optical devices without a prescription.
890	484.053	3rd	Dispensing hearing aids without a license.
891	494.0018(2)	1st	Conviction of any violation of ss. 494.001-494.0077 in which the total money and property unlawfully obtained exceeded \$50,000 and there were five or more victims.
892	560.123(8)(b)1.	3rd	Failure to report currency or payment instruments exceeding \$300 but

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893			less than \$20,000 by money transmitter.
	560.125(5)(a)	3rd	Money transmitter business by unauthorized person, currency or payment instruments
894			exceeding \$300 but less than \$20,000.
895	655.50(10)(b)1.	3rd	Failure to report financial transactions exceeding \$300 but less than \$20,000 by financial institution.
	782.051(3)	2nd	Attempted felony murder of a person by a person other than the perpetrator or the perpetrator of an attempted felony.
896	782.07(1)	2nd	Killing of a human

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			being by the act, procurement, or culpable negligence of another (manslaughter).
897			-
	782.071	2nd	Killing of human
			being or viable
			fetus by the
			operation of a motor
			vehicle in a
			reckless manner
			(vehicular
			homicide).
898			
	782.072	2nd	Killing of a human
			being by the
			operation of a
			vessel in a reckless
			manner (vessel
			homicide).
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	784.045(1)(a)1.	2nd	Aggravated battery;
			intentionally
			causing great bodily
			harm or
			disfigurement.
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901	784.045(1)(a)2.	2nd	Aggravated battery; using deadly weapon.
701	784.045(1)(b)	2nd	Aggravated battery; perpetrator aware victim pregnant.
902	784.048(4)	3rd	Aggravated stalking; violation of injunction or court order.
903	784.048(7)	3rd	Aggravated stalking; violation of court order.
904	784.07(2)(d)	1st	Aggravated battery on law enforcement officer.
905	784.074(1)(a)	1st	Aggravated battery on sexually violent predators facility staff.
906	784.08(2)(a)	lst	Aggravated battery on a person 65 years of age or older.
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907			
	784.081(1)	1st	Aggravated battery
			on specified
			official or
			employee.
908			
	784.082(1)	1st	Aggravated battery
			by detained person
			on visitor or other
			detainee.
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	784.083(1)	1st	Aggravated battery
			on code inspector.
910			
	790.07(4)	1st	Specified weapons
			violation subsequent
			to previous
			conviction of s.
			790.07(1) or (2).
911			
	790.16(1)	1st	Discharge of a
			machine gun under
			specified
			circumstances.
912			
	790.165(2)	2nd	Manufacture, sell,
			possess, or deliver
			hoax bomb.

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913			
	790.165(3)	2nd	Possessing,
			displaying, or
			threatening to use
			any hoax bomb while
			committing or
			attempting to commit
			a felony.
914			
	790.166(3)	2nd	Possessing, selling,
			using, or attempting
			to use a hoax weapon
			of mass destruction.
915			
	790.166(4)	2nd	Possessing,
			displaying, or
			threatening to use a
			hoax weapon of mass
			destruction while
			committing or
			attempting to commit
			a felony.
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	796.03	2nd	Procuring any person
			under 16 years for
			prostitution.
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	800.04(5)(c)1.	2nd	Lewd or lascivious
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918			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.
919	806.01(2)	2nd	Maliciously damage structure by fire or explosive.
920	810.02(3)(a)	2nd	Burglary of occupied dwelling; unarmed; no assault or
921	810.02(3)(b)	2nd	Burglary of unoccupied dwelling; unarmed; no assault
922	810.02(3)(d)	2nd	or battery.  Burglary of occupied  conveyance; unarmed;

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923			no assault or battery.
	812.014(2)(a)1.	1st	Property stolen, valued at \$100,000 or more; property
			stolen while causing other property
924			damage; 1st degree grand theft.
721	812.014(2)(b)2.	2nd	Property stolen, cargo valued at less than \$50,000, grand
925	012 014/2)/b)2	2nd	theft in 2nd degree.
	812.014(2)(b)3.	2110	Property stolen, emergency medical equipment; 2nd degree grand theft.
926	812.0145(2)(a)	1st	Theft from person 65 years of age or older; \$50,000 or
927			more.
	812.019(2)	1st	Stolen property; initiates,

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			organizes, plans,
			etc., the theft of
			property and
			traffics in stolen
			property.
928			
	812.131(2)(a)	2nd	Robbery by sudden
			snatching.
929			
	812.133(2)(b)	1st	Carjacking; no
			firearm, deadly
			weapon, or other
			weapon.
930			
	817.234(8)(a)	2nd	Solicitation of
			motor vehicle
			accident victims
			with intent to
			defraud.
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	817.234(9)	2nd	Organizing,
			planning, or
			participating in an
			intentional motor
			vehicle collision.
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	817.234(11)(c)	1st	Insurance fraud;
			property value

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			\$100,000 or more.
933			
	817.2341(2)(b) &	1st	Making false entries
	(3)(b)		of material fact or
			false statements
			regarding property
			values relating to
			the solvency of an
			insuring entity
			which are a
			significant cause of
			the insolvency of
			that entity.
934			
	825.102(3)(b)	2nd	Neglecting an
			elderly person or
			disabled adult
			causing great bodily
			harm, disability, or
			disfigurement.
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	825.103(2)(b)	2nd	Exploiting an
			elderly person or
			disabled adult and
			property is valued
			at \$20,000 or more,
			but less than
			\$100,000.

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936			
	827.03(3)(b)	2nd	Neglect of a child
			causing great bodily
			harm, disability, or
			disfigurement.
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	827.04(3)	3rd	Impregnation of a
			child under 16 years
			of age by person 21
			years of age or
			older.
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	837.05(2)	3rd	Giving false
			information about
			alleged capital
			felony to a law
			enforcement officer.
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	838.015	2nd	Bribery.
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	838.016	2nd	Unlawful
			compensation or
			reward for official
0.41			behavior.
941	838.021(3)(a)	2nd	Unlawful harm to a
	030.021(3)(4)	2110	public servant.
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943	838.22	2nd	Bid tampering.
	872.06	2nd	Abuse of a dead human body.
944	893.13(1)(c)1.	1st	Sell, manufacture, or deliver cocaine (or other drug prohibited under s. 893.03(1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d), (2)(a), (2)(b), or (2)(c)4.) within 1,000 feet of a child care facility, school, or state, county, or municipal park or publicly owned recreational facility or
945			community center.
	893.13(1)(e)1.	1st	Sell, manufacture, or deliver cocaine or other drug prohibited under s. 893.03(1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d),

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946			<pre>(2)(a), (2)(b), or (2)(c)4., within 1,000 feet of property used for religious services or a specified business site.</pre>
947	893.13(4)(a)	lst	Deliver to minor cocaine (or other s. 893.03(1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d), (2)(a), (2)(b), or (2)(c)4. drugs).
948	893.135(1)(a)1.	lst	Trafficking in cannabis, more than 25 lbs., less than 2,000 lbs.
949	893.135(1)(b)1.a.	lst	Trafficking in cocaine, more than 28 grams, less than 200 grams.
	893.135(1)(c)1.a.	1st	Trafficking in illegal drugs, more than 4 grams, less

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			than 14 grams.
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	893.135(1)(d)1.	1st	Trafficking in
			phencyclidine, more
			than 28 grams, less
			than 200 grams.
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	893.135(1)(e)1.	1st	Trafficking in
			methaqualone, more
			than 200 grams, less
			than 5 kilograms.
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	893.135(1)(f)1.	1st	Trafficking in
			amphetamine, more
			than 14 grams, less
			than 28 grams.
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	893.135(1)(g)1.a.	1st	Trafficking in
			flunitrazepam, 4
			grams or more, less
			than 14 grams.
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	893.135(1)(h)1.a.	1st	Trafficking in
			gamma-hydroxybutyric
			acid (GHB), 1
			kilogram or more,
			less than 5
			kilograms.

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	893.135(1)(j)1.a.	1st	Trafficking in 1,4-
			Butanediol, 1
			kilogram or more,
			less than 5
			kilograms.
956			
	893.135(1)(k)2.a.	1st	Trafficking in
			Phenethylamines, 10
			grams or more, less
			than 200 grams.
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	896.101(5)(a)	3rd	Money laundering,
			financial
			transactions
			exceeding \$300 but
			less than \$20,000.
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	896.104(4)(a)1.	3rd	Structuring
			transactions to
			evade reporting or
			registration
			requirements,
			financial
			transactions
			exceeding \$300 but
			less than \$20,000.
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960 Section 27. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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