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SENATE RESOLUTION No. 45

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign to the appropriate study committee the task of studying issues related to the creation of a license to practice naturopathic medicine in Indiana.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

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2 to assign to the appropriate study committee the task of
3 studying issues related to the creation of a license to practice
4 naturopathic medicine in Indiana.

5 *Whereas, Naturopathic medicine is a distinct primary*
6 *health care profession, emphasizing prevention, treatment, and*
7 *optimal health through the use of therapeutic methods and*
8 *substances that encourages an individual's inherent*
9 *self-healing process;*

10 *Whereas, The practice of naturopathic medicine includes*
11 *modern, traditional, scientific, and empirical methods;*

12 *Whereas, Naturopathic practice includes the following*
13 *diagnostic and therapeutic modalities: clinical and laboratory*
14 *diagnostic testing, nutritional medicine, botanical medicine,*
15 *naturopathic physical medicine (including naturopathic*
16 *manipulative therapy), public health measures, hygiene,*
17 *counseling, minor surgery, homeopathy, acupuncture,*
18 *prescription medication, intravenous and injection therapy, and*
19 *naturopathic obstetrics (natural childbirth);*



1 *Whereas, There are twenty other states that already issue*
2 *licenses for doctors practicing naturopathic medicine;*

3 *Whereas, In those states, naturopathic doctors are required*
4 *to graduate from a four-year, residential naturopathic medical*
5 *school and pass an extensive postdoctoral board examination*
6 *(NPLEX) in order to receive a license and registration;*

7 *Whereas, Rural communities in Indiana are experiencing*
8 *a shortage of general and specialty physicians, and by creating*
9 *a license for naturopathic medicine, Indiana can increase the*
10 *number of practitioners, thereby reducing the shortage; and*

11 *Whereas, Ensuring that naturopathic practitioners are able*
12 *to practice medicine and receive the same scrutiny in obtaining*
13 *a license as medical doctors (MDs) and doctors of osteopathic*
14 *medicine (DOs) is paramount: Therefore,*

15 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
16 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

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18 SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to assign to the
19 appropriate study committee issues related to the creation of a license
20 to practice naturopathic medicine in Indiana.

