

HOUSE BILL No. 2185

By Committee on Health and Human Services

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1 AN ACT concerning naturopathic doctors; relating to scope of practice;
2 adding diagnostic imaging; amending K.S.A. 65-7202 and repealing
3 the existing section.

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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 65-7202 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-
7 7202. As used in K.S.A. 65-7201 ~~to through~~ 65-7218, ~~inclusive~~; and
8 amendments thereto:

9 (a) "Naturopathic doctor" means a doctor of naturopathic medicine
10 who is authorized and licensed pursuant to this act.

11 (b) "Naturopathic medicine," or "naturopathy" means a system of
12 health care practiced by naturopathic doctors for the prevention, diagnosis
13 and treatment of human health conditions, injuries and diseases, that uses
14 education, natural medicines and therapies to support and stimulate the
15 individual's intrinsic self-healing processes, and includes prescribing,
16 recommending or administering: (1) Food, food extracts, vitamins,
17 minerals, enzymes, whole gland thyroid, botanicals, homeopathic
18 preparations, nonprescription drugs, plant substances that are not
19 designated as prescription drugs or controlled substances, topical drugs as
20 defined in subsection (i) ~~of this section, and amendments thereto~~; (2)
21 health care counseling, nutritional counseling and dietary therapy,
22 naturopathic physical applications, barrier contraceptive devices; (3)
23 substances on the naturopathic formulary which are authorized for
24 intramuscular or intravenous administration pursuant to a written protocol
25 entered into with a physician who has entered into a written protocol with
26 a naturopathic doctor licensed under this act; (4) noninvasive physical
27 examinations, *diagnostic imaging*, venipuncture to obtain blood for
28 clinical laboratory tests and oroficial examinations, excluding
29 endoscopies; (5) minor office procedures; and (6) naturopathic
30 acupuncture. A naturopathic doctor may not perform surgery, obstetrics,
31 administer ionizing radiation, or prescribe, dispense or administer any
32 controlled substances as defined in K.S.A. 65-4101, and amendments
33 thereto, or any prescription-only drugs except those listed on the
34 naturopathic formulary adopted by the board pursuant to this act.

35 (c) "Board" means the state board of healing arts.

36 (d) "Approved naturopathic medical college" means a college and

1 program granting the degree of doctor of naturopathy or naturopathic
2 medicine that has been approved by the board under this act and which
3 college and program requires at a minimum a four-year, full-time resident
4 program of academic and clinical study.

5 (e) "Homeopathic preparations" means substances and drugs prepared
6 according to the official homeopathic pharmacopoeia recognized by the
7 United States food and drug administration.

8 (f) "Naturopathic acupuncture" means the insertion of fine metal
9 needles through the skin at specific points on or near the surface of the
10 body with or without the palpation of specific points on the body and with
11 or without the application of electric current or heat to the needles or skin
12 or both to treat human disease and impairment and to relieve pain.

13 (g) "Minor office procedures" means care incidental to superficial
14 lacerations and abrasions, superficial lesions and the removal of foreign
15 bodies located in the superficial tissues, except eyes, and not involving
16 blood vessels, tendons, ligaments or nerves. "Minor office procedures"
17 includes use of antiseptics, but shall not include the suturing, repairing,
18 alteration or removal of tissue or the use of general or spinal anesthesia.
19 Minor office procedures does not include anesthetics or surgery.

20 (h) "Naturopathic physical applications" means the therapeutic use by
21 naturopathic doctors of the actions or devices of electrical muscle
22 stimulation, galvanic, diathermy, ultrasound, ultraviolet light,
23 constitutional hydrotheraphy, naturopathic musculoskeletal technique and
24 therapeutic exercise.

25 (i) "Topical drugs" means topical analgesics, antiseptics, scabicides,
26 antifungals and antibacterials but does not include prescription only drugs.

27 (j) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine and
28 surgery.

29 (k) "Written protocol" means a formal written agreement between a
30 naturopathic doctor licensed under this act and a person licensed to
31 practice medicine and surgery. Any licensee of the board entering into a
32 written protocol with a licensed naturopathic doctor shall notify the board
33 in writing of such relationship by providing such information as the board
34 may require.

35 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 65-7202 is hereby repealed.

36 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
37 publication in the Kansas register.