

# HOUSE BILL No. 1427

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-0.5; IC 25-22.7.

**Synopsis:** Licensure of naturopathic physicians. Provides for the licensure of practitioners of naturopathic medicine. Specifies certain individuals who are not required to be licensed. Establishes the board of naturopathic medicine (board). Establishes license requirements. Requires licensed naturopathic doctors to obtain continuing education for license renewal. Requires a licensed naturopathic doctor, licensed health care provider, health care facility, state agency, and state or local law enforcement agency to file a complaint with the board if the person, based on personal knowledge or information, reasonably believes that a naturopathic doctor is or may be violating certain standards of practice. Provides that an individual who is not licensed may not use certain descriptions, titles, or initials to indicate or imply that the individual is a licensed naturopathic doctor.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-0.5-1-24 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2018]: **Sec. 24. IC 25-1-1.1-4 applies to an individual licensed**  
4 **under IC 25-22.7 (naturopathic doctors).**

5 SECTION 2. IC 25-0.5-2-36 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
6 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
7 1, 2018]: **Sec. 36. IC 25-1-2-2.1 applies to licenses held by**  
8 **naturopathic doctors.**

9 SECTION 3. IC 25-0.5-3-43 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
10 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
11 1, 2018]: **Sec. 43. IC 25-1-2-6(b) applies to the board of**  
12 **naturopathic medicine.**

13 SECTION 4. IC 25-0.5-4-34 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
14 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
15 1, 2018]: **Sec. 34. The board of naturopathic medicine**  
16 **(IC 25-22.7-3) is a board under IC 25-1-4.**

17 SECTION 5. IC 25-0.5-5-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE



1 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
2 1, 2018]: **Sec. 22. The Indiana professional licensing agency shall  
3 perform administrative functions, duties, and responsibilities for  
4 the board of naturopathic medicine (IC 25-22.7-3) under  
5 IC 25-1-5-3(a).**

6 SECTION 6. IC 25-0.5-6-21 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
7 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
8 1, 2018]: **Sec. 21. An individual licensed by the board of  
9 naturopathic medicine (IC 25-22.7-3) is a provider under  
10 IC 25-1-5-10.**

11 SECTION 7. IC 25-0.5-8-38 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
12 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
13 1, 2018]: **Sec. 38. An occupation for which a person is licensed by  
14 the board of naturopathic medicine (IC 25-22.7-3) is a regulated  
15 occupation under IC 25-1-7.**

16 SECTION 8. IC 25-0.5-9-38 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
17 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
18 1, 2018]: **Sec. 38. The board of naturopathic medicine  
19 (IC 25-22.7-3) is a board under IC 25-1-8.**

20 SECTION 9. IC 25-0.5-10-35 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
21 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
22 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: **Sec. 35. The board of naturopathic  
23 medicine (IC 25-22.7-3) is a board under IC 25-1-8-6.**

24 SECTION 10. IC 25-0.5-11-20 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
25 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
26 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: **Sec. 20. The board of naturopathic  
27 medicine (IC 25-22.7-3) is a board under IC 25-1-9.**

28 SECTION 11. IC 25-22.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
29 AS A NEW ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
30 1, 2018]:

31 **ARTICLE 22.7. NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS**

32 **Chapter 1. Applicability**

33 **Sec. 1. This article does not apply to the following:**

- 34 (1) An individual who is employed by the United States to  
35 practice naturopathic medicine while practicing within the  
36 scope of that employment.  
37 (2) An individual whose:  
38 (A) license to practice naturopathic medicine is issued in  
39 another state; and  
40 (B) practice of naturopathic medicine is limited to  
41 examinations, recommendations, or expert testimony.  
42 (3) An individual who is a student enrolled in an approved



1           naturopathic medical program while studying under the  
2 supervision of a licensed:

- 3           (A) naturopathic physician; or
- 4           (B) professional in the field of study.

5 **Sec. 2. This article does not apply to the following:**

6           (1) An individual who practices a health occupation that the  
7 individual is authorized to practice under this title or any  
8 other law, including:

- 9           (A) wellness coaching; or
- 10           (B) counseling.

11           (2) An individual who treats the individual or individual's  
12 family.

13           (3) A person that sells and provides information about  
14 vitamins or herbs that the person offers for sale.

15 **Chapter 2. Definitions**

16 **Sec. 1. "Approved naturopathic medical program" means a**  
17 **naturopathic medical education program described in**  
18 **IC 25-22.7-4-2.**

19 **Sec. 2. "Board" refers to the board of naturopathic medicine**  
20 **established under IC 25-22.7-3-1.**

21 **Sec. 3. "Licensed naturopathic doctor" means a naturopathic**  
22 **doctor who is licensed to practice naturopathic medicine under this**  
23 **article.**

24 **Sec. 4. "Minor office procedures" means the methods for the**  
25 **repair and treatment of superficial lacerations and abrasions,**  
26 **superficial lesions, and the removal of foreign bodies located in the**  
27 **superficial tissues.**

28 **Sec. 5. "Naturopathic doctor" means an individual who**  
29 **practices naturopathic medicine.**

30 **Sec. 6. (a) "Naturopathic medicine" means the:**

- 31           (1) prevention;
- 32           (2) diagnosis; and
- 33           (3) treatment;

34 **of human health conditions, injury, and disease using patient**  
35 **education and naturopathic therapies and therapeutic substances**  
36 **recognized by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education and**  
37 **approved by the medical licensing board.**

38 **(b) The term includes:**

- 39           (1) counseling;
- 40           (2) the practice of the mechanical sciences of healing,
- 41           including:

42           (A) mechanotherapy;



- 1           **(B) articular manipulation;**  
 2           **(C) corrective and orthopedic gymnastics;**  
 3           **(D) hydrotherapy;**  
 4           **(E) electrotherapy; and**  
 5           **(F) phototherapy; and**  
 6           **(3) the practice of the material sciences of healing, including**  
 7           **nutrition, phytotherapy, treatment by natural substances, and**  
 8           **external applications.**  
 9           **Sec. 7. "Prescription drug" means any drug defined in the**  
 10           **Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) if the**  
 11           **drug's label is required to bear the statement "Rx Only".**  
 12           **Chapter 3. Board of Naturopathic Medicine**  
 13           **Sec. 1. The board of naturopathic medicine is established.**  
 14           **Sec. 2. (a) The board consists of seven (7) members. The board**  
 15           **must include the following:**  
 16               **(1) Five (5) individuals who:**  
 17                   **(A) are naturopathic doctors; and**  
 18                   **(B) meet the requirements in section 3 of this chapter.**  
 19               **(2) Two (2) individuals who:**  
 20                   **(A) do not have any association with the practice of**  
 21                   **naturopathic medicine, except as a consumer; and**  
 22                   **(B) meet the requirements under section 4 of this chapter.**  
 23               **(b) The governor shall appoint the members under subsection**  
 24               **(a)(1) with the advice of:**  
 25                   **(1) the state health commissioner; and**  
 26                   **(2) the Indiana Association of Naturopathic Physicians.**  
 27               **(c) The governor shall appoint the members under subsection**  
 28               **(a)(2) with the advice of the state health commissioner.**  
 29           **Sec. 3. Each naturopathic doctor member of the board must be:**  
 30               **(1) in good standing with the board;**  
 31               **(2) an Indiana resident who:**  
 32                   **(A) has practiced;**  
 33                   **(B) researched; or**  
 34                   **(C) taught;**  
 35               **naturopathic medicine in Indiana for at least five (5) years**  
 36               **immediately before appointment; and**  
 37               **(3) beginning July 1, 2019, licensed under this chapter.**  
 38           **Sec. 4. Each consumer member of the board:**  
 39               **(1) must be a resident of Indiana;**  
 40               **(2) must be a member of the general public;**  
 41               **(3) may not be and may not ever been licensed to practice a**  
 42               **health occupation under this title; and**



- 1           (4) may not have a substantial connection with naturopathic  
2           education, business, or practice.
- 3           **Sec. 5. (a)** Except as provided in subsection (b) and section 7 of  
4           this chapter, the term of a board member appointed under this  
5           chapter is four (4) years with the term expiring on June 30.
- 6           (b) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a  
7           successor is appointed and qualified.
- 8           **Sec. 6.** A member may not serve more than two (2) consecutive  
9           full terms.
- 10          **Sec. 7. (a)** Notwithstanding section 5 of this chapter, the initial  
11          terms of office of the members of the board appointed under  
12          section 2 of this chapter are as follows:
- 13               (1) One (1) member appointed under section 2(a)(1) of this  
14               chapter and one (1) member appointed under section 2(a)(2)  
15               of this chapter, four (4) years.
- 16               (2) Two (2) members appointed under section 2(a)(1) of this  
17               chapter, three (3) years.
- 18               (3) One (1) member appointed under section 2(a)(1) of this  
19               chapter and one (1) member appointed under section 2(a)(2)  
20               of this chapter, two (2) years.
- 21               (4) One (1) member appointed under section 2(a)(1) of this  
22               chapter, one (1) year.
- 23          (b) The initial terms of the appointed members to the board  
24          begin July 1, 2018.
- 25          (c) This section expires July 1, 2022.
- 26          **Sec. 8.** If a vacancy occurs on the board, the governor shall:
- 27               (1) appoint a new member to serve the remainder of the  
28               vacant term and until a successor is appointed and qualified;  
29               and
- 30               (2) fill any vacancy on the board not later than sixty (60) days  
31               after the date of the vacancy.
- 32          **Sec. 9.** The governor may remove any member of the board for  
33          cause before expiration of the member's term.
- 34          **Sec. 10.** Board members shall elect a chair and other officers.  
35          The board shall determine the:
- 36               (1) manner of election of officers;  
37               (2) term of office for each officer; and  
38               (3) duties of each officer.
- 39          **Sec. 11.** Board meetings must operate as follows:
- 40               (1) A quorum of the board consists of a majority of the board  
41               members.
- 42               (2) The board shall determine the time and place for meetings.



1           **(3) Each member of the board is entitled to the following:**

2           **(A) The salary per diem provided under IC 4-10-11-2.1(b).**

3           **(B) Reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided**  
4           **under IC 4-13-1-4.**

5           **(C) Other expenses actually incurred in connection with**  
6           **the member's duties as provided in the state policies and**  
7           **procedures established by the Indiana department of**  
8           **administration and approved by the budget agency.**

9           **Sec. 12. The board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**  
10          **administer this article.**

11          **Sec. 13. The board shall:**

12          **(1) establish licensing procedures for applicants who qualify**  
13          **by reciprocity;**

14          **(2) evaluate the content for any clinical, practical, or**  
15          **residency requirement for a license;**

16          **(3) subject to IC 25-1-4, establish an approved program of**  
17          **continuing education in naturopathic medicine, including:**

18               **(A) criteria;**

19               **(B) categories; and**

20               **(C) minimum hours required to be completed by licensed**  
21               **persons in the license period preceding the date of license**  
22               **renewal;**

23          **(4) enforce the standards of practice and conduct proceedings**  
24          **under IC 25-1-9;**

25          **(5) establish examination standards for licensing and time**  
26          **frames for exam administration; and**

27          **(6) perform functions necessary to administer this article.**

28          **Sec. 14. The board shall establish fees under IC 25-1-8-2.**

29          **Chapter 4. License and Qualifications**

30          **Sec. 1. After December 31, 2019, except as otherwise provided**  
31          **in this article, an individual must be licensed by the board before**  
32          **the individual may practice naturopathic medicine.**

33          **Sec. 2. A naturopathic medical education program is approved**  
34          **if the program meets one (1) of the following criteria:**

35               **(1) The program is located in the United States and:**

36                       **(A) provides a doctorate degree in naturopathy or**  
37                       **naturopathic medicine;**

38                       **(B) offers graduate level, full-time didactic and supervised**  
39                       **clinical training;**

40                       **(C) is accredited by or a candidate for accreditation before**  
41                       **the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education or an**  
42                       **equivalent accrediting body for naturopathic medical**



- 1                    programs; and
- 2                    (D) is part of an institution of higher education that is
- 3                    either accredited by or a candidate for accreditation before
- 4                    an accrediting agency that is recognized by the United
- 5                    States Secretary of Education.
- 6                    (2) The program is located in a college or university in
- 7                    Canada and:
- 8                    (A) grants a diploma for a degree equivalent to a degree
- 9                    described in subdivision (1);
- 10                    (B) offers graduate level, full-time didactic and supervised
- 11                    clinical training;
- 12                    (C) is accredited or is a candidate for accreditation before
- 13                    the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education or an
- 14                    equivalent federal and board recognized accrediting body
- 15                    for naturopathic medical programs; and
- 16                    (D) has provincial approval for participation in
- 17                    government funded student aid programs.
- 18                    (3) The program is from a degree granting college or
- 19                    university and:
- 20                    (A) before the existence of the Council on Naturopathic
- 21                    Medical Education:
- 22                    (i) offered a full-time structured curriculum in basic
- 23                    sciences and supervised patient care comprising a
- 24                    doctoral naturopathic medical education;
- 25                    (ii) required at least three (3) years of study as a
- 26                    prerequisite for graduation; and
- 27                    (iii) if in Canada, had provincial approval for
- 28                    participation in government funded student aid
- 29                    programs;
- 30                    (B) is approved by the board; and
- 31                    (C) if the program exists when the applicant applies for a
- 32                    license:
- 33                    (i) is accredited by the Council on Naturopathic Medical
- 34                    Education or an equivalent accrediting agency; and
- 35                    (ii) if in Canada, has provincial approval for
- 36                    participation in government funded student aid
- 37                    programs.
- 38                    **Sec. 3. An applicant for a license to practice naturopathic**
- 39                    **medicine must:**
- 40                    (1) meet the requirements of this chapter;
- 41                    (2) be of good moral character;
- 42                    (3) be at least eighteen (18) years of age; and





- 1           (4) be physically and mentally capable of practicing  
2           naturopathic medicine.
- 3           **Sec. 4. Except as provided in this chapter, an applicant for a**  
4           **license to practice naturopathic medicine must:**
- 5           (1) have a doctorate in naturopathic medicine from an  
6           approved naturopathic medical program; and
- 7           (2) either:
- 8           (A) pass a competency based national naturopathic  
9           licensing examination administered by the North American  
10           Board of Naturopathic Examiners, or its successor agency,  
11           that has been nationally recognized to administer a  
12           naturopathic examination that represents federal  
13           standards of education and training; or
- 14           (B) for graduates of an approved naturopathic medical  
15           program, pass a board approved state competency  
16           examination or Canadian Provincial examination.
- 17           **Sec. 5. If an applicant for a license to practice naturopathic**  
18           **medicine is licensed, certified, or registered to practice**  
19           **naturopathic medicine or any other health care occupation in**  
20           **another state, the applicant must be in good standing with the**  
21           **applicable state licensing, certification, or registration authority.**
- 22           **Sec. 6. The board may waive any examination requirement for**  
23           **an individual who:**
- 24           (1) is licensed as a naturopathic physician in another state;  
25           (2) pays the application fee required by the board; and  
26           (3) provides evidence required by the board that the  
27           applicant:
- 28           (A) otherwise meets the qualifications required by this  
29           article; and
- 30           (B) is licensed under requirements substantially equivalent  
31           to the licensing requirements of this article.
- 32           **Sec. 7. An applicant for a license to practice naturopathic**  
33           **medicine shall:**
- 34           (1) submit an application to the board; and  
35           (2) pay the application fee.
- 36           **Sec. 8. An applicant who seeks to be licensed under this article**  
37           **without passing an examination under section 4(2) of this chapter:**
- 38           (1) must provide proof of licensure in good standing in each  
39           state in which the applicant is licensed; and  
40           (2) if the applicant has been licensed, certified, or registered  
41           to practice naturopathic medicine in another state, shall  
42           submit all evidence relating to:



- 1 (A) disciplinary action or any administrative penalties  
 2 against the applicant by another state; and  
 3 (B) any agreements the applicant entered into that limit  
 4 the applicant's professional conduct and practice,  
 5 including voluntary surrender of a license.
- 6 **Sec. 9.** The board shall issue a license to an applicant for a  
 7 license to practice naturopathic medicine who meets the  
 8 requirements of this chapter.
- 9 **Sec. 10.** A licensed naturopathic doctor may do the following:
- 10 (1) Order and perform physical and laboratory examinations  
 11 for diagnostic purposes, including:  
 12 (A) phlebotomy;  
 13 (B) clinical laboratory tests;  
 14 (C) orificial examinations;  
 15 (D) electrocardiograms; and  
 16 (E) physiological function tests.
- 17 (2) Order diagnostic imaging studies.
- 18 (3) Interpret the reports of diagnostic imaging studies.
- 19 (4) Dispense, order, or administer natural medicines of  
 20 mineral, animal, or botanical origin, including:  
 21 (A) food and extracts of food;  
 22 (B) nutraceuticals;  
 23 (C) vitamins;  
 24 (D) amino acids;  
 25 (E) minerals;  
 26 (F) enzymes;  
 27 (G) botanicals, including botanical extracts;  
 28 (H) botanical medicines;  
 29 (I) homeopathic medicines; and  
 30 (J) all dietary supplements and nonprescription drugs as  
 31 defined by the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (21  
 32 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) using routes of administration,  
 33 including:  
 34 (i) oral;  
 35 (ii) nasal;  
 36 (iii) auricular;  
 37 (iv) ocular;  
 38 (v) rectal;  
 39 (vi) vaginal;  
 40 (vii) transdermal; and  
 41 (viii) intramuscular.
- 42 (5) Administer or perform:



- 1 (A) hot or cold hydrotherapy;
- 2 (B) naturopathic physical medicine;
- 3 (C) electromagnetic energy;
- 4 (D) colon hydrotherapy; and
- 5 (E) therapeutic exercise for the purpose of providing basic
- 6 therapeutic care services;
- 7 except that if a referral to another licensed provider is
- 8 appropriate for ongoing rehabilitative or habilitative services,
- 9 the naturopathic doctor shall make the referral.
- 10 (6) Dispense, administer, or order devices, including:
- 11 (A) therapeutic devices for the purpose of providing
- 12 barrier contraception; and
- 13 (B) durable medical equipment;
- 14 except for therapeutic devices if referral to another licensed
- 15 provider to dispense, administer, or order the device for
- 16 ongoing rehabilitative or habilitative services is appropriate.
- 17 (7) Provide health education and health counseling.
- 18 (8) Perform naturopathic musculoskeletal mobilization.
- 19 **Sec. 11. A licensed naturopathic doctor, consistent with**
- 20 **naturopathic education and training, and as determined by the**
- 21 **board, may do the following:**
- 22 (1) Administer, dispense, or write prescriptions for drugs, as
- 23 approved by the board.
- 24 (2) Recommend the use of specific and appropriate
- 25 over-the-counter pharmaceuticals.
- 26 (3) Perform minor office procedures if the licensed
- 27 naturopathic doctor is authorized by the board to do so,
- 28 including the use of anesthetics or antiseptics in connection
- 29 with minor surgery.
- 30 (4) Use routes of administration, including intradermal,
- 31 subcutaneous, and intravenous.
- 32 **Sec. 12. Except as provided in section 13 of this chapter, a**
- 33 **licensed naturopathic doctor may not do any of the following:**
- 34 (1) Prescribe or administer any controlled substance or device
- 35 identified in the federal Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C.
- 36 801 et seq.), except as authorized by the board.
- 37 (2) Perform surgical procedures other than minor office
- 38 procedures, including procedures using a laser device or that
- 39 involve the eyes, ears, tendons, nerves, veins, or arteries
- 40 extending beyond superficial tissues.
- 41 (3) Practice or claim to practice as any health care provider
- 42 that is regulated under this title unless the licensed



- 1           **naturopathic doctor is licensed, certified, registered, or**
- 2           **regulated by an entity described in IC 25-0.5-11 that governs**
- 3           **that type of health care provider.**
- 4           **(4) Use general or spinal anesthetics.**
- 5           **(5) Administer ionizing radioactive substances for therapeutic**
- 6           **purposes.**
- 7           **(6) Perform acupuncture, unless the licensed naturopathic**
- 8           **doctor is approved by the board to perform acupuncture or**
- 9           **is a licensed acupuncturist.**
- 10          **(7) Perform minor office procedures, unless the licensed**
- 11          **naturopathic doctor is approved by the board to perform the**
- 12          **procedures and the requirements under section 13 of this**
- 13          **chapter are met.**
- 14          **(8) Prescribe prescription drugs, unless the licensed**
- 15          **naturopathic doctor is approved by the board to prescribe**
- 16          **prescription drugs.**
- 17          **Sec. 13. The board may approve a licensed naturopathic doctor**
- 18          **to perform minor office procedures only if the licensed**
- 19          **naturopathic doctor:**
- 20               **(1) graduated from an approved naturopathic medical**
- 21               **program that included minor office procedures as part of its**
- 22               **curriculum; or**
- 23               **(2) meets the training requirements regarding minor office**
- 24               **procedures adopted by the board.**
- 25          **Sec. 14. The board may approve a licensed naturopathic doctor**
- 26          **to perform acupuncture only if the licensed naturopathic doctor:**
- 27               **(1) graduated from an approved naturopathic medical**
- 28               **program that included acupuncture as part of its curriculum;**
- 29               **or**
- 30               **(2) meets the training requirements regarding acupuncture**
- 31               **adopted by the board.**
- 32          **Sec. 15. A license issued under this article is for a period of two**
- 33          **(2) years.**
- 34          **Sec. 16. Notice of license renewal must comply with IC 25-1-2-6.**
- 35          **Sec. 17. The board shall renew the license of a licensed**
- 36          **naturopathic doctor who:**
- 37               **(1) submits a renewal application on the form that the board**
- 38               **requires;**
- 39               **(2) pays a renewal fee set by the board;**
- 40               **(3) is otherwise entitled to be licensed; and**
- 41               **(4) meets the continuing education requirements adopted by**
- 42               **the board.**



1           **Sec. 18. (a) The board may classify a license of a naturopathic**  
 2 **doctor as inactive if the board receives:**

- 3           **(1) written notification from a licensed naturopathic doctor**  
 4 **stating that the licensed naturopathic doctor will not practice**  
 5 **naturopathic medicine in Indiana; and**  
 6 **(2) the inactive status fee set by the board.**

7           **(b) The holder of an inactive license issued under this section is**  
 8 **not required to fulfill continuing education requirements set by the**  
 9 **board.**

10           **Sec. 19. The board shall issue a license to a naturopathic doctor**  
 11 **who is on inactive status if the naturopathic doctor is otherwise**  
 12 **entitled to be licensed under this article and submits to the board:**

- 13           **(1) satisfactory evidence of compliance with the continuing**  
 14 **education requirements the board adopts for this purpose;**  
 15 **and**  
 16 **(2) a reinstatement fee set by the board.**

17           **Sec. 20. The board shall reinstate a delinquent or lapsed license**  
 18 **of a naturopathic doctor who complies with the requirements**  
 19 **under IC 25-1-8-6.**

20           **Sec. 21. Subject to IC 25-1-9-14, a licensed naturopathic doctor**  
 21 **who is subject to an investigation or hearing before the board may**  
 22 **not surrender the naturopathic doctor's license.**

23           **Chapter 5. Standards of Practice and Discipline**

24           **Sec. 1. An individual who is licensed under this article is subject**  
 25 **to the standards of practice and discipline provisions under**  
 26 **IC 25-1-9.**

27           **Sec. 2. A:**

- 28           **(1) licensed naturopathic doctor;**  
 29           **(2) licensed health care provider regulated by an entity**  
 30 **described in IC 25-0.5-11;**  
 31           **(3) health care facility, as defined in IC 16-18-2-161;**  
 32           **(4) state agency; and**  
 33           **(5) state or local law enforcement agency;**

34 **shall comply with the requirements under this chapter.**

35           **Sec. 3. A person listed in section 2 of this chapter shall file a**  
 36 **complaint with the board if the person, based on personal**  
 37 **knowledge or information, reasonably believes that a licensed**  
 38 **naturopathic doctor is or may be:**

- 39           **(1) medically or legally incompetent;**  
 40           **(2) engaged in the unauthorized practice of naturopathic**  
 41 **medicine;**  
 42           **(3) guilty of unprofessional conduct; or**



1 (4) mentally or physically unable to engage safely in the  
2 practice of naturopathic medicine.

3 Sec. 4. A person required to file a complaint under section 3 of  
4 this chapter shall file the complaint not later than thirty (30) days  
5 after learning the information.

6 Sec. 5. A health care facility shall report promptly to the board  
7 if:

8 (1) a licensed naturopathic doctor voluntarily resigns from the  
9 staff of the health care facility;

10 (2) a licensed naturopathic doctor voluntarily limits the  
11 licensed naturopathic doctor's staff privileges; or

12 (3) a licensed naturopathic doctor fails to reapply for hospital  
13 privileges at the health care facility;

14 while the licensed naturopathic doctor is under formal or informal  
15 investigation by the health care facility for possible medical  
16 incompetence, unprofessional conduct, or mental or physical  
17 impairment.

18 Sec. 6. Subject to IC 25-1-7, the board shall investigate a  
19 complaint that alleges a violation under this article.

20 Chapter 6. General Provisions

21 Sec. 1. A licensed naturopathic doctor may receive a fee for  
22 professional consultation services.

23 Sec. 2. A licensed naturopathic doctor engaged in the private  
24 practice of naturopathic medicine shall conspicuously display the  
25 naturopathic doctor's license in each office where the naturopathic  
26 doctor practices.

27 Chapter 7. Unlawful Practice and Discipline

28 Sec. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this article, only a  
29 licensed naturopathic doctor may practice naturopathic medicine.

30 Sec. 2. Unless the individual is licensed under this article, an  
31 individual may not:

32 (1) represent to the public by title, description of services,  
33 methods, procedures, or otherwise that the individual is  
34 licensed to practice naturopathic medicine;

35 (2) use the title "doctor of naturopathic medicine", "doctor of  
36 naturopathy", "naturopathic doctor", "doctor of  
37 naturopathic medicine", or "naturopath"; or

38 (3) use the initials "N.D.", "ND", "N.M.D.", or "NMD" after  
39 the name of the individual;

40 to indicate or imply that the individual is licensed under this  
41 article.

