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1 AN ACT Relating to naturopathic physicians; and amending RCW
2 18.36A.020 and 18.36A.040.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.36A.020 and 2005 c 158 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
7 this section apply throughout this chapter.

8 (1) "Department" means the department of health.

9 (2) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's
10 designee.

11 (3) "Naturopath" means an individual licensed under this chapter.

12 (4) "Committee" means the Washington state naturopathic practice
13 advisory committee.

14 (5) "Educational program" means an accredited program preparing
15 persons for the practice of naturopathic medicine.

16 (6) "Nutrition and food science" means the prevention and treatment
17 of disease or other human conditions through the use of foods, water,
18 herbs, roots, bark, or natural food elements.

1 (7) "Manual manipulation" or "mechanotherapy" means manipulation of
2 a part or the whole of the body by hand or by mechanical means.

3 (8) "Physical modalities" means use of physical, chemical,
4 electrical, and other (~~noninvasive~~) modalities, including but not
5 limited to heat, cold, air, light, water in any of its forms, sound,
6 massage, and therapeutic exercise.

7 (9) "Homeopathy" means a system of medicine based on the use of
8 infinitesimal doses of medicines capable of producing symptoms similar
9 to those of the disease treated, as listed in the homeopathic
10 pharmacopeia of the United States.

11 (10) "Naturopathic medicines" means vitamins; minerals; botanical
12 medicines; homeopathic medicines; hormones; and those legend drugs and
13 controlled substances consistent with naturopathic medical practice in
14 accordance with rules established by the secretary. Controlled
15 substances are limited to codeine and testosterone products that are
16 contained in Schedules III, IV, and V in chapter 69.50 RCW.

17 (11) "Hygiene and immunization" means the use of such preventative
18 techniques as personal hygiene, asepsis, public health, and
19 immunizations, to the extent allowed by rule.

20 (12) "Minor office procedures" means care and procedures incident
21 thereto of superficial lacerations, lesions, and abrasions, and the
22 removal of foreign bodies located in superficial structures, not to
23 include the eye; and the use of antiseptics and topical or local
24 anesthetics in connection therewith. "Minor office procedures" also
25 includes intramuscular, intravenous, subcutaneous, and intradermal
26 injections of substances consistent with the practice of naturopathic
27 medicine and in accordance with rules established by the secretary.

28 (13) "Common diagnostic procedures" means the use of venipuncture
29 consistent with the practice of naturopathic medicine, commonly used
30 diagnostic modalities consistent with naturopathic practice, health
31 history taking, physical examination, radiography, examination of body
32 orifices excluding endoscopy, laboratory medicine, and obtaining
33 samples of human tissues, but excluding incision or excision beyond
34 that which is authorized as a minor office procedure.

35 (14) "Suggestion" means techniques including but not limited to
36 counseling, biofeedback, and hypnosis.

37 (15) "Radiography" means the ordering, but not the interpretation,

1 of radiographic diagnostic and other imaging studies and the taking and
2 interpretation of standard radiographs.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.36A.040 and 2005 c 158 s 2 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Naturopathic medicine is the practice by naturopaths of the art and
6 science of the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of disorders of the
7 body by stimulation or support, or both, of the natural processes of
8 the human body. A naturopath is responsible and accountable to the
9 consumer for the quality of naturopathic care rendered.

10 The practice of naturopathic medicine includes manual manipulation
11 (mechanotherapy), the prescription, administration, dispensing, and
12 use, except for the treatment of malignancies, of nutrition and food
13 science, physical modalities, minor office procedures, homeopathy,
14 naturopathic medicines, hygiene and immunization, ((~~non~~drug))
15 contraceptive devices, common diagnostic procedures, and suggestion;
16 however, nothing in this chapter shall prohibit consultation and
17 treatment of a patient in concert with a practitioner licensed under
18 chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW. No person licensed under this chapter may
19 employ the term "chiropractic" to describe any services provided by a
20 naturopath under this chapter.

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