



NATIONAL HEALTH FREEDOM ACTION

Please Help Protect Michigan's Natural Health Practitioners Oppose MI

House Bill 4531 Licensing Naturopathic Physicians

MI HB 4531 does not adequately protect the rights of natural health care practitioners such as herbalists, homeopaths, nutritional consultants and many other Michigan small business owners who practice their vocations and provide natural health information and recommendations to consumers. [Take Action Here](#) to tell your legislators it is not necessary to mandate licensure for natural health practitioners and ask them to protect natural health care practices and all of the healing arts. [Take Action](#).

On May 3rd, 2016, the HB 4531 licensing bill passed out of the Health Policy Committee, 12y:4n, and is now headed to the House Floor. HB 4531 is setting up unnecessary regulations at a time when government is attempting to decrease the amount of regulation. This bill attempts to set up new regulation and give government endorsement to a small group of natural health practitioners without adequate protection for all of the other practitioners. Read the bill [here](#).

On page five, line 22-25, the bill states that:

“AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL NOT ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE UNLESS LICENSED OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.” Sec. 18611 (1).

Although the bill has three important exemptions to that statement - the exemptions are not worded properly in order to give maximum protection to all-natural health practitioners. For example:

Exemption (G) says that naturopaths are exempt if they are practicing “naturopathic therapies” which is not a term defined in the bill. The exemption should have said that they are exempt if they are practicing “naturopathic medicine” which is defined in the bill.

Exemption (H) has the same problem.

And exemption (F) is an exemption for other practitioners, such as herbalists and homeopaths, but the exemption is meaningless because it includes a condition that the practices are “otherwise legal”, which, of course, the proponents of the bill know that unlicensed practice of health care is not legal under the Michigan medical practice act. In fact, it is most likely the reason why this small group is bringing their bill forward now.

We oppose HB 4531 as written and encourage you to [Take Action](#) to promote safe harbor legislation in Michigan for natural health practitioners similar to 10 other states that protect the right of all natural health care practitioners to practice without unnecessary new regulation, as long as they give out their client bill of rights and avoid a list of prohibited acts for public safety.

Thank you! Together we can make a difference.



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