



## NATIONAL HEALTH FREEDOM ACTION

**Natural Health Practitioners in IL and IA Need Your Support NOW!**

### **Take Action to Stop Restrictive Naturopathic Licensing Bills**

**Immediate protection for natural health practitioners including traditional naturopaths, homeopaths, herbalists, and all complementary and alternative health care practitioners is needed in Illinois and Iowa. [Take Action in Illinois here.](#) [Take Action in Iowa Here.](#)** Help protect the thousands of traditional naturopaths practicing across the country, practicing in the public domain, not representing themselves as doctors, who provide numerous non-invasive natural health care therapies that do not pose a risk of harm to the public. Traditional naturopaths have their own non-medical schools and provide a great service to the community, but exclusive licensing bills seek to put them out of business and subject them to civil and criminal fines for continuing to practice. **Urge your legislators to OPPOSE these bills and to protect your access to natural health care practitioners.**

**Illinois SB 1601 and HB 3508, the Naturopathic Physician licensing bill, would make traditional naturopathy, and possibly many other natural health care practices, illegal** in Illinois and considered the unlicensed practice of Naturopathic Medicine and a branch of medicine unless a person became a Naturopathic Physician who graduated from one of the medical naturopathic medicine colleges. The bill says that the licensing requirements and educational requirements would apply to include all "naturopaths", and "N.D."s. Read SB1601 [here](#) and HB 3508 [here](#). **[Take Action Here.](#)**

**Iowa study bills, SSB 1067/ HSB 51, do not include adequate protective language or proper exemptions for all of Iowa's natural health practitioners including traditional naturopaths, homeopaths, herbalists, and all complementary and alternative health care practitioners.** The current bill language prohibits the use of the title "naturopath" which is a traditional practice practiced by thousands of practitioners across the country who do not practice medical naturopathic medicine. Although there is an exemption in the bill for other unlicensed practitioners, it is inaccurately written and even though it appears to exempt many practitioners from licensing requirements, it will not. Read the House bill [here](#). **[Take Action Here.](#)**

**Solution: Support efforts in Illinois and Iowa at introducing a true consumer health freedom bill, similar to laws in other states, that protects the natural healing arts. Take Action** to tell legislators that in order to protect the broad range of complementary and alternative health care practitioners, these practitioners need to be consulted and an effort must be made to find language that adequately exempts them from charges of practicing naturopathic medicine without a license before any meaningful bill can go forward.

**Stand Up in Your State Today! Schedule a face-to-face meeting with your state representatives to share with them your input on restrictive licensing bills that take natural health care services out of the public domain. Find out who your Representatives are [here](#).**



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