

# NATIONAL HEALTH FREEDOM ACTION

# January 30, 2012 Immediate Health Freedom Action Needed In Iowa and Colorado

- 1. OPPOSE Iowa H.S.B. 507 / S.S.B. 3022
- 2. OPPOSE Colorado H.B. 1060

OPPOSE Iowa: Iowa House Bill 507 and Senate Bill 3022, both monopolistic Naturopathic Physician licensing bills, attempt to criminalize all persons practicing natural health unless they have a medical naturopathic doctor license! The bills were introduced on January 12, 2012 and were heard and passed in the State Government Subcommittees of the Senate and the House January 25 and 26 by a 2-1 vote and are on the way to the full State Government Committees in both the Senate and the House No amendments have been attached yet to correct and properly exempt out unlicensed traditional naturopaths or complementary and alternative health care practitioners. Click HERE to take action.

What you can do: Call your personal Senate and House Representatives and the State Government Committee Members, listed below, and Oppose H.S.B. 507 / S.S.B. 3022. Contact legislators by phone, email, or personal letter. Let them know you oppose the bill. Also, keep in touch to come to the future hearing.

## **What the Bill Does:**

<u>H.S.B. 507 / S.S.B. 3022 would criminalize</u> practicing anything within the proposed definition of "naturopathic medicine", regardless of whether it poses a risk of harm to the public. The definition is so broad that it includes many natural therapies such as "...hydrotherapy, topical medicines, foods, food extracts, vitamins, amino acids, minerals, enzymes, dietary supplements, ..., homeopathic remedies and plant substances...". The bill contains an inadequate exemption for unlicensed persons and is misleading to many. Click here to see the language of HSB 507. http://coolice.legis.state.ia.us/Cool-

ICE/default.asp?Category=billinfo&Service=Billbook&menu=false&hbill=HSB507
Click here to see the language of SSB 3022. http://coolice.legis.state.ia.us/Cool-ICE/default.asp?Category=billinfo&Service=Billbook&menu=false&ga=84&hbill=SSB302
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H.S.B. 507 / S.S.B. 3022 would criminalize and medicalize the common terms "naturopathy" and "naturopath" and take them out of the public domain and relegate them to a small special group that obtained a special education. Thousands of citizens use the term "naturopath" and practice varying forms of "naturopathic health care" and "naturopathic services" including grandmothers providing "chicken soup" to others. "Naturopathy", "naturopathic health care"

and "naturopathic services" are not the same as "naturopathic medicine" and should not require medical education.

## **Come to a Future Hearing:**

Where and When the Bill will be heard: H.S.B. 507 / S.S.B. 3022 are not yet on the agenda of the State Government Committees for public hearings but that could happen soon. See how to keep in touch, below. When H.S.B. 507 / S.S.B. 3022 get a hearing Iowa will need people to testify, as well as have a large crowd in attendance. If you want to testify you can contact us for questions you may have regarding testimony. The number of people at the hearing will most definitely have an impact on the legislators and can affect how they will vote. This is why it is so important that you attend these hearings. Iowa will need as many people present as possible defeat this bill!

# **Contacting Legislators:**

- 1. Distribute Call to Action Letter. Please sign the one-page action letter (available for download by clicking HERE), or your own letter, and send by e-mail, fax, or regular mail to your personal Senate and House Representatives. Also, please forward this email to your friends and family to have them take action too. Telephone calls, emails or letters are extremely important at this time!
- **2.** Contact Iowa State Government Committee Members. Call the phone numbers listed below to leave a message with each member of both the House and Senate State Government Committees and e-mail, fax or mail the attached action letter or your own letter to the committee members. Call from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 8 a.m. to adjournment on Saturdays.

<u>The message</u>: "I oppose H.S.B. 507 / S.S.B. 3022 as written – it takes away our right to practice traditional naturopathy and other complementary and alternative health care practices and decreases and jeopardizes consumer options in natural health care.

### 3. When Contacting Personal and other Individual Senate and House Representatives:

If you write or e-mail, begin your communication with Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_: Include the bill number, for example: RE: Please Oppose H.S.B. 507 / S.S.B. 3022.

Please take the time to write a personal note on your letter as this will have a greater impact with the legislators. Tell them about your rights as a consumer in Iowa to a free and educated choice in health care providers. Also tell them that you depend on alternative and complementary care for you and your family.

Build a relationship with your personal Senate and House Representatives. Make an appointment, call them, write them and email them, and start building a strong relationship with them.

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address and click "GO" (Iowa's "Find your legislator" service, usually available at <a href="https://www.legis.iowa.gov/Legislators/find.aspx">https://www.legis.iowa.gov/Legislators/find.aspx</a>, is currently being re-programmed).

# THANK YOU

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**Note:** To contact representatives via regular mail, please address your letter to: Iowa State Capitol, 1007 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50319.

OPPOSE Colorado: Colorado House Bill 1060, a monopolistic Dietitian Licensing bill, would jeopardize your right to speak about nutrients and nutrition without a dietitian license and would limit your access to nutrition information! The bill was introduced on January 11, 2012, and assigned to the House committee on Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources and a public hearing on the bill is tentatively scheduled for February 6, 2012. The bill has no proper exemption for unlicensed practitioners providing nutrition-related services. Read more for how to take action.

What you can do: Come to the February 6<sup>th</sup> hearing; call your personal Senate and House Representatives and the House Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources Committee Members, listed below, and Oppose H.B. 1060. Contact legislators by phone, email, or personal letter. Let them know you oppose the bill.

What the Bill Does: H.B. 1060 attempts to increase Colorado regulation from title protection of the term "certified dietitian" to licensure regulation, adding criminal charges, not just for the use of a certified title, but for the actual "practice" of anything within the broad definition of the term used in the bill such as the broad definition of "dietetics" and of functions, such as, "nutrition assessments", "nutrition care process", "nutrition diagnosis", "identifying and labeling of nutritional problems", and "nutrition monitoring and evaluation", functions that many persons in the culture at large provide. Click HERE to see bill language:

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#### **Coming to the Hearing:**

Where and When the Bill will be heard: H.B. 1060 is tentatively scheduled to be heard in a public hearing by the House Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources Committee on February 6, 2012, time and Room to be announced. People will be able to sign up to testify and large numbers in the audience will be necessary to defeat this bill. If you want to testify you can contact us for questions you may have regarding testimony. The number of people at the hearing will most definitely have an impact on the legislators and can affect how they will vote. This is why it is so important that you attend these hearings. Iowa will need as many people present as possible!

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# 2. Contact House Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources Committee Members. Call the phone numbers listed below to leave a message with each member of the House Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources Committee and e-mail, fax or mail the attached

Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources Committee and e-mail, fax or mail the attached action letter, or your own letter, to the committee members. Call from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 8 a.m. to adjournment on Saturdays.

<u>The message</u>: "I oppose H.B. 1060 as written – it takes away our right to obtain nutrition information from a broad range of choices and it jeopardizes free speech about foods and nutrition drastically decreasing and jeopardizing consumer options in natural health care.

# 3. When Contacting Personal and other Individual Senate and House Representatives:

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**Share your contact information to get future alerts**: Please contact Jan Kerschner at Colorado Sunshine Health Freedom Foundation and give her your contact information so you can stay updated concerning the progress of the H.B. 1060. E-mail: myherblady@msn.com.

Colorado Health Freedom Local Contacts: For more information regarding what you can do, contact Jan Kerschner at <a href="mailto:myherblady@msn.com">myherblady@msn.com</a>, or Jackie Pinkham at <a href="mailto:jkpinkham@msn.com">jkpinkham@msn.com</a>, or Kim Green at <a href="mailto:kimmgreen2@msn.com">kimmgreen2@msn.com</a>

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