



## NATIONAL HEALTH FREEDOM ACTION

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### Health Freedom Action Needed In Colorado

**Colorado:** **Oppose HB1111 Doctor of Naturopathy Registration bill. Take Action**  
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**Colorado:** HB111 is a monopolistic restrictive Naturopathic Doctor registration bill moving forward in the Colorado House of Representatives. The bill casts a wide net for mandatory registration of practitioners and for exclusive use of titles. The bill defines naturopathic medicine to include all of the natural healing arts, including the *“use of education, nutrition, homeopathic preparations, natural medicines and therapies, and other modalities that are designed to support, stimulate, or supplement the human body's own natural self-healing processes.”* Traditional naturopathic practitioners and consumers of complementary and alternative health care professions, who would not qualify to practice and become Doctors of Naturopathic Medicine, have requested amendments that would protect the businesses of unlicensed traditional practitioners. **But with no success. Click Here to read the bill as introduced.**

[http://www.leg.state.co.us/clics/clics2013a/csl.nsf/fsbillcont3/CDCEE234E81BA08287257AEE0058374A?Open&file=1111\\_01.pdf](http://www.leg.state.co.us/clics/clics2013a/csl.nsf/fsbillcont3/CDCEE234E81BA08287257AEE0058374A?Open&file=1111_01.pdf)

**Amendments by health freedom advocates were offered**, that would have described traditional unlicensed natural health practitioners and many other complementary and alternative health care practitioners impacted by the bill and would have included exemptions for them from civil or criminal penalties of practicing without registration as long as they avoided a list of prohibited acts and gave out disclosures saying that they are not Registered Doctors of Naturopathic medicine. **The amendments were rejected.**

**The proponents of the bill drafted their own amendments** in response to the resistance but their language was **completely inadequate** to protect the long term presence of independent unlicensed traditional practitioners in the state of Colorado.

**HB1111 would be a dangerous precedence for Colorado. Instead** we are calling for support of Colorado health freedom leaders' project now working to introduce a natural health safe harbor exemption bill, to protect consumer access to all of the broad range of complementary and alternative health care practitioners and their right to practice, including herbalists, traditional naturopaths, homeopaths, life coaches, culturally traditional healing practices, and many more that are providing natural health services, but that have no intention of become registered Doctors of Naturopathic Medicine.

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