



Attn GA residents: Join 2/13 Call with NHFA to Protect Access to Complementary and Alternative Health Practitioners

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Dear Georgia Supporter of NHFC and NHFA:

Greetings and thank you for your interest in health freedom!

NHFA is inviting you to a great opportunity to strengthen access to complementary and alternative health practitioners across your state and to protect your practitioners' rights to practice! Please join our attorneys and your fellow health freedom advocates for a group conference call on Wednesday, February 13, at 7:00pm EST (details below)! Please join us as we:

- 1) Introduce you to the concept of "Safe Harbor" Practitioner Exemption legislation which has been passed into law, in**

some form, **in ten states** to ensure consumer access to a broad domain of healers and practitioners who are not licensed but provide safe therapies;

and

2) Discuss how we can work together with you and your peers to pass this type of practitioner exemption legislation in Georgia!

This will be a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the rights of complementary and alternative health practitioners—and the clients they serve—across your state! Read more about why this effort is needed, below.

Topic: Georgia Group Call for Consumer Access and Practitioner Exemption Legislation

Time: Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM Eastern Time

Join Online or via Telephone:

Click: <https://zoom.us/j/248745864>;

OR

Dial: +1 646 876 9923; Meeting ID: 248 745 864

If you have any questions or concerns about this email or upcoming call, please let us know. We look forward to speaking with you soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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National Health Freedom Action is working to protect health freedom!
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In most states, many healing practitioners, such as herbalists, health coaches, homeopaths and traditional naturopaths, can be prosecuted, fined, and barred from practicing based on charges of practicing medicine without a license. That is because most states have laws (medical practice acts), which bar those who haven't completed medical school from "practicing medicine". And the definition of what it means to "practice medicine" includes doing anything to treat illness, or even prevent it! These laws put many practitioners at great risk if they practice. This discourages some practitioners from helping people with their health, or from letting people know about their services via a website. The result? Many consumers cannot access what they need for healing, or may not even know that there are options that could help them.

NHFA and NHFC are working to change that. **NHFC educates citizens** about health freedom rights, teaches citizens how to participate in the law-making process, and helps organize health freedom groups in states. **NHFA lobbies and advocates**, and is helping groups introduce and pass *safe harbor practitioner exemption legislation*.

Safe harbor practitioner exemption laws are not practitioner licensure laws. Rather, these laws work to ensure consumer access to a broad domain of healers and practitioners who are not licensed but providing safe therapies. They do this by giving practitioners exemption from charges of "practicing medicine" without a license, provided they avoid prohibited acts such as using prescription drugs or puncture of the skin, and provide specific disclosures including their education and training. Many practitioners of modalities where licensure has not been needed due to the low risk of harm from their therapies, are protected

under these new laws, including herbalists, homeopaths, health coaches, nutrition coaches, traditional naturopaths, wellness consultants, and reiki, qi gong, and other types of energy healers, as well as numerous others.

Safe harbor laws now exist in ten states, including Minnesota, Rhode Island, California, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Idaho, Arizona (partial, only for homeopaths), Colorado, New Mexico, and Nevada. These laws are working very well, and the movement to pass them in other states is growing.

NHFC's goal is to make sure you understand the barriers to health freedom, and the possibilities of workable solutions. **NHFA's goal** is nothing less than safe harbor legislation in every state. NHFA is here to help you be successful in your state to secure this right.