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FISCAL NOTE

Drafting Number: LLS 18-1277
Prime Sponsors: Rep. Gray
 Sen. Tate

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Bill Status: House Public Health Care and
 Human Services
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Bill Topic: NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR TERMINOLOGY & DISCLOSURE

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure (<i>minimal</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill removes "registered" from the titles used by naturopathic doctors and requires that certain disclosures be made to patients. This will result in a one-time increase in state agency workload.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

This bill removes "registered" from the titles used by naturopathic doctors and requires naturopathic doctors to disclose to patients at their first visit that they are registered. It also requires naturopathic doctors to describe any specialty services offered with the word "naturopathic" or "naturopath". Lastly, the bill makes an exception that allows naturopathic doctors to use the word "physician" if such a term is used in a degree, license, certificate, or practice in another state, unless such use is false, misleading, or deceptive.

State Expenditures

The bill results in a one-time increase in workload for the Division of Professions and Occupations in the Department of Regulatory Agencies to update informational material and rules and to conduct outreach with naturopathic doctors and other stakeholders about the change in title and the disclosure requirement. It is assumed this workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Information Technology

Law

Regulatory Agencies