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An Act

HOUSE BILL 18-1433

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Gray, Ginal, Hamner, Hooton, Duran, Catlin, Melton, Singer, Van Winkle, Williams D.;
also SENATOR(S) Tate and Coram, Kefalas.

CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO THE "NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR ACT", AND,
IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REQUIRING A NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR
TO DISCLOSE THAT THE NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR IS REGISTERED AND
UPDATING THE TERMS THAT A NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR MAY USE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-37.3-105, **amend** (3)(b) as follows:

12-37.3-105. Practice of naturopathic medicine by naturopathic doctors - exclusions - protected activities - rules. (3) (b) Before conducting an initial examination of a patient, a naturopathic doctor shall obtain the patient's informed consent to the examination, evidenced by a written statement in a form prescribed by the director and signed by both the patient and the naturopathic doctor. The statement must:

(I) Disclose that the naturopathic doctor is not a medical doctor or physician licensed under article 36 of this title ***12***;

(II) Recommend that the patient have a relationship with a MEDICAL DOCTOR OR licensed physician; ~~and~~

(III) Indicate that the naturopathic doctor will attempt to develop and maintain a collaborative relationship with the patient's LICENSED physician, if the patient has a relationship with a licensed physician; AND

(IV) DISCLOSE THAT THE NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR IS REGISTERED AND NOT LICENSED.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-37.3-110, **amend** (2), (3)(a), and (4); and **add** (2.5) as follows:

12-37.3-110. Persons entitled to practice as naturopathic doctors - title protection for naturopathic doctors. (2) A naturopathic doctor may use the title "~~registered~~ naturopathic doctor", or "~~registered~~ doctor of naturopathy", or the initials "~~R.N.D.~~" "N.D."

(2.5) A NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR SHALL QUALIFY ANY SPECIALTY SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC WITH "NATUROPATHIC" OR "NATUROPATH".

(3) A naturopathic doctor shall not use:

(a) The term "physician" IN DESCRIBING THE NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR'S REGISTERED NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE PRACTICE IN THIS STATE.

(4) Nothing in this section prevents a naturopathic doctor from disclosing membership in national organizations or associations of naturopathic physicians UNLESS THE DISCLOSURE IS FALSE, MISLEADING, OR DECEPTIVE.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,

determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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