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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Authorizes Board of Naturopathic Examiners to place **voluntary** limitations on license to practice naturopathic medicine if requested by licensee or applicant. **Disallows voluntary limitation to licensee who is under investigation, on probation or whose license is under suspension.** Exempts certain naturopathic physicians licensed in jurisdictions other than Oregon from licensure requirements.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- Relating to licensure to practice naturopathic medicine.
- Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - <u>SECTION 1.</u> Sections 2 and 3 of this 2007 Act are added to and made a part of ORS chapter 685.
 - SECTION 2. A licensee or an applicant for licensure may request in writing to the Board of Naturopathic Examiners a voluntary limitation of a license to practice naturopathic medicine. The board may grant the request for a voluntary limitation and has the authority, if it deems appropriate, to attach conditions to the license of the licensee or to the license issued to the applicant within the provisions of ORS 685.060 to 685.110 and 685.135. Removal of a voluntary limitation of a license to practice naturopathic medicine shall be determined by the board. The board may not grant a voluntary limitation of a license to practice naturopathic medicine to a licensee who is under investigation by the board, on probation or whose license is under suspension.
 - SECTION 3. (1) A naturopathic physician licensed to practice naturopathic medicine under the laws of another jurisdiction with licensing requirements and a scope of practice found to be comparable to those for this state by the Board of Naturopathic Examiners may be exempted from the licensure requirement in ORS 685.020 if that physician:
 - (a) Is practicing in Oregon on a temporary assignment for specific educational events not to exceed 15 days in a calendar year; and
 - (b) Is actively engaged in the practice of naturopathic medicine in the jurisdiction in which the person is licensed.
 - (2) A naturopathic physician granted an exemption under subsection (1) of this section:
 - (a) Must comply with the provisions of ORS chapter 685 and rules adopted by the board governing the practice of naturopathic medicine; and

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- (b) Is subject to the disciplinary authority of the board under ORS 685.110 for any violation of the provisions of ORS chapter 685 and of rules adopted by the board.
- (3) The board may refuse to grant or may revoke an exemption of a naturopathic physician for a violation of the provisions of ORS chapter 685 or of rules adopted by the board.

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