

Senate Bill 231

Sponsored by Senator MORRISETTE

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 **as introduced**.

Eliminates authority of Board of Naturopathic Examiners to regulate practice of traditional naturopathy by certain doctors of traditional naturopathy. Authorizes persons meeting certain requirements to use title "Doctor of Traditional Naturopathy."

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to traditional naturopathy; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 685.030.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 685.030 is amended to read:

5 685.030. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to:

6 (1) Apply to any physician and surgeon, osteopath or chiropractor, or to any Christian Scientist
7 or other person who by religious or spiritual means endeavors to prevent or cure disease or suffer-
8 ing in accord with the tenets of any church.

9 (2) Authorize licensees to practice optometry or administer chiropractic adjustments, or any
10 system or method of treatment not authorized in this chapter, or to administer or write prescriptions
11 for or dispense drugs, or do major surgery except that naturopathic physicians are not prohibited
12 from recommending the use of specific and appropriate over-the-counter pharmaceuticals for their
13 patients, or from prescribing codeine sulfate or codeine phosphate in an appropriate and safe man-
14 ner.

15 (3) Prevent a licensee under this chapter from the administration of the anesthetics or antiseptics
16 authorized in ORS 685.010 (4), from ordering diagnostic tests, or from the use of radiopaque
17 substances administered by mouth or rectum necessary for Roentgen diagnostic purposes.

18 (4) Authorize the administration of any substance by penetration of the skin or mucous mem-
19 brane of the human body except for diagnostic and preventive purposes or for the therapeutic pur-
20 pose of administering vitamins and minerals.

21 **(5) Apply to a doctor of traditional naturopathy who has:**

22 **(a) Graduated from an institution that is:**

23 **(A) Accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency recognized by the United**
24 **States Department of Education; or**

25 **(B) A religious exempt, nonaccredited college or university that offers a three-year,**
26 **full-time residency program of studies that leads to a doctoral degree in traditional**
27 **naturopathy; and**

28 **(b) Passed an examination administered by an organization offering registration or cer-**
29 **tification as a traditional naturopath.**

30 **SECTION 2. Notwithstanding ORS 348.609 and 685.020 (2), a person meeting the require-**
31 **ments of ORS 685.030 (5) may use the term "Doctor of Traditional Naturopathy" and its ab-**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **breviation "D.TN."**

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