

# Senate Bill 23

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## SUMMARY

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Changes definition of "minor surgery" for purposes of naturopathic medicine.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to naturopathy; amending ORS 685.010.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 685.010 is amended to read:

5 685.010. As used in this chapter:

6 (1) "Accredited naturopathic school or college" means a naturopathic school or college that of-  
7 fers a four-year full-time resident program of study in naturopathy that:

8 (a) Leads to a doctoral degree in naturopathic medicine; and

9 (b) Is approved by the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine to meet the standards specif-  
10 ically incorporated into board rules.

11 (2) "Drugs" includes:

12 (a) Substances recognized as drugs in the official United States Pharmacopoeia, official National  
13 Formulary, official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States, other drug compendium or any  
14 supplement to any of them;

15 (b) Substances intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of  
16 disease in a human;

17 (c) Substances, other than food, intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of  
18 humans; and

19 (d) Substances intended for use as a component of any substance specified in paragraph (a), (b)  
20 or (c) of this subsection.

21 (3) "Minor surgery" means [*the use of electrical or other methods for the surgical repair and care*  
22 *incident thereto of superficial lacerations and abrasions, benign superficial lesions and the removal of*  
23 *foreign bodies located in the superficial structures; and the use of antiseptics and local anesthetics in*  
24 *connection therewith*] **surgery that poses little risk to the life of the patient and that can be**  
25 **safely performed in an office setting, as further defined by rule.**

26 (4) "Naturopathic medicine" means the discipline that includes physiotherapy, natural healing  
27 processes and minor surgery and has as its objective the maintaining of the body in, or of restoring  
28 it to, a state of normal health.

29 (5) "Naturopathic physician" means a person who holds a degree of Doctor of Naturopathic  
30 Medicine and is licensed under this chapter.

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**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.