

SB 2274 Naturopathic Bill
Emily Wangen, MT-BC/L
Senate Human Services Committee
March 20th, 2021

Good morning Chairman Weisz and respective House of Human Services committee members my name is Emily J. Wangen. I am a board certified and licensed music therapist appointed by Governor Burgum to the ND Board of Integrative Health Care, and currently serve as the chairperson. The Board of Integrative Health Care was created in 2012, by respective professionals to license small numbers of various professions, a cooperative approach with cost saving advantages to the state and the individual professions. Currently, the Board licenses 23 music therapists, 14 licensed acupuncturists, 63 behavioral analysts, and 14 naturopathic doctors. Our board members consist of a naturopathic doctor, medical doctor, pharmacist, nurse practitioner, music therapist, behavioral analyst, and an acupuncturist.

The ND Board of Integrative Health Care is in support of the SB 2274 Naturopathic Bill with the following proposed amendments: 1) that the professional Naturopathic doctor must take and pass the (NPLEX) the pharmacology elective exam of the naturopathic physicians licensing examinations 2) If prescribing or dispensing controlled substances, shall participate in the prescription drug monitoring program pursuant to chapter 19-03.5.” The full proposed amendment is shown below.

If this bill were to pass, the pharmacist, nurse practitioner, medical doctor, and naturopathic doctor would be a designated subcommittee to draft the administrative rules regarding SB 2274.

On Jan 26, 2021 The NDBIHC voted to Amend SB 2274
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS to Senate BILL NO. 2274

Page 1, line 1, replace “section” with “sections 43-58-05 and”

Page 1, line 2, after “the” insert “licensure requirements and”

Page 1, after line 3 insert the following language:

“SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 43-58-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-58-05. Application for licensure.

1. An applicant for naturopathic licensure shall file an application on forms provided by the board showing to the board's satisfaction that the applicant is of good moral character and satisfied all of the requirements of this chapter and chapter 43-57, including:

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- a. a. Successful graduation of an approved naturopathic medical college;
 - a. b. Successful completion of an examination prescribed or endorsed by the board, such as part I and part II of the naturopathic physicians licensing examinations and the pharmacology elective exam of the naturopathic physicians licensing examinations;
 - a. c. Physical, mental, and professional capability for the practice of naturopathic medicine in a manner acceptable to the board; and
 - d. A history free of any finding by the board, any other state licensure board, or any court of competent jurisdiction of the commission of any act that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action under this chapter and chapter 43-57. The board may modify this restriction for cause.
2. The application must be accompanied by the board-established license fees and application fees and by the documents, affidavits, and certificates necessary to establish that the applicant possesses the necessary qualifications.”

Page 1, after line 15, insert:

“g. If prescribing or dispensing controlled substances, shall participate in the prescription drug monitoring program pursuant to chapter 19-03.5.”

(Renumber accordingly)

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me
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Sincerely,



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