

Introduced by

Workforce Development Committee

(At the request of the North Dakota Board of Medicine)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 43-58-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to eligibility requirements for endorsement to prescribe independently of naturopathic
3 doctors.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-58-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **43-58-08.1. Endorsement for prescribing authority.**

- 8 1. A naturopath may not prescribe, dispense, or administer a prescription medication
9 without first obtaining an endorsement for licensure.
- 10 2. The naturopath first must apply for a limited endorsement with the board in which the
11 naturopath enters a written collaborative agreement with a supervising physician
12 licensed under chapter 43-17, who will review the first one hundred prescriptions
13 issued by the naturopath or twelve months of prescribing, whichever occurs first. The
14 supervising physician shall possess an unencumbered license and have been
15 prescribing and administering prescription drugs without limitation for at least five
16 years in the state. The supervising physician shall evaluate the naturopath's ability to
17 safely prescribe and administer prescription drugs within the naturopath's scope of
18 practice and to comply with federal and state laws. The written collaborative
19 agreement must address the requirements of this subsection and be provided to the
20 board along with the application for endorsement. The board, by rule, further shall
21 define the terms of the supervising physician's role in reviewing the naturopath's
22 prescribing practices.
- 23 3. A naturopath who satisfies the requirements of subsection 2 shall notify the board in
24 writing with verification from the supervising physician that this requirement has been

1 met. Upon verification subsection 2 has been met, and the naturopath successfully
2 completed the pharmacology elective examination approved by the board, the board
3 shall issue the naturopath an endorsement to prescribe independently. The board shall
4 issue the naturopath an endorsement to prescribe independently upon verification that
5 subsection 2 has been met and the naturopath provides satisfactory proof of one of
6 the following options within one year from completion of subsection 2 unless otherwise
7 approved by the board for good cause shown:

- 8 a. Completion of the pharmacology elective examination approved by the board;
9 b. Completion of twelve months of clinical experience in naturopathic medicine in a
10 residency program recognized by the board and associated with an accredited
11 school or college of naturopathic medicine, and under the preceptorship of a
12 licensed naturopathic doctor or physician; or
13 c. Substantial experience in prescribing prescription medications for three years
14 without discipline in another jurisdiction as verified by a physician or facility.

- 15 4. The board may waive the requirements of ~~subsection 2 and examination under~~
16 ~~subsection 3~~subsections 2 and 3 if a naturopath shows the naturopath has substantial
17 experience in prescribing prescription medications under the laws of another
18 jurisdiction that has standards and qualifications for a naturopath to prescribe
19 prescription medications at least equal to those required under this chapter.
20 5. To maintain the endorsements provided under this section, the naturopath shall obtain
21 five hours of continuing education hours annually regarding pharmacology of
22 testosterone and legend drugs.