

**NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIAN AMENDMENTS**

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Scott D. McCoy**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends licensing provisions in the Naturopathic Physician Practice Act.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

► specifies that for purposes of licensing by endorsement, a naturopathic physician's license in good standing in a jurisdiction other than Utah shall be certified in writing by a credentialing association designated by Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing rule made in collaboration with the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Board; and

► requires an applicant for licensure by endorsement as a naturopathic physician to meet with the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Board and the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing to evaluate the applicant's qualifications.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**58-71-302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2005, Chapter 17

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28 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

29 Section 1. Section **58-71-302** is amended to read:

30 **58-71-302. Qualifications for licensure.**

31 (1) An applicant for licensure as a naturopathic physician, except as set forth in  
32 Subsection (2), shall:

33 (a) submit an application in a form prescribed by the division, which may include:

34 (i) submissions by the applicant of information maintained by practitioner data banks,  
35 as designated by division rule, with respect to the applicant; and

36 (ii) a record of professional liability claims made against the applicant and settlements  
37 paid by or in behalf of the applicant;

38 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63-38-3.2;

39 (c) be of good moral character;

40 (d) provide satisfactory documentation of having successfully completed a program of  
41 professional education preparing an individual as a naturopathic physician, as evidenced by  
42 having received an earned degree of doctor of naturopathic medicine from:

43 (i) a naturopathic medical school or college accredited by the Council of Naturopathic  
44 Medical Education or its successor organization approved by the division;

45 (ii) a naturopathic medical school or college that is a candidate for accreditation by the  
46 Council of Naturopathic Medical Education or its successor organization, and is approved by  
47 the division in collaboration with the board, upon a finding there is reasonable expectation the  
48 school or college will be accredited; or

49 (iii) a naturopathic medical school or college which, at the time of the applicant's  
50 graduation, met current criteria for accreditation by the Council of Naturopathic Medical  
51 Education or its successor approved by the division;

52 (e) provide satisfactory documentation of having successfully completed, after  
53 successful completion of the education requirements set forth in Subsection (1)(d), 12 months  
54 of clinical experience in naturopathic medicine in a residency program recognized by the  
55 division and associated with an accredited school or college of naturopathic medicine, and  
56 under the preceptorship of a licensed naturopathic physician, physician and surgeon, or  
57 osteopathic physician;

58 (f) pass the licensing examination sequence required by division rule established in

59 collaboration with the board;

60 (g) be able to read, write, speak, understand, and be understood in the English language  
61 and demonstrate proficiency to the satisfaction of the board if requested by the board; and

62 (h) meet with the board and representatives of the division, if requested, for the  
63 purpose of evaluating the applicant's qualifications for licensure.

64 (2) An applicant for licensure as a naturopathic physician qualifying under the  
65 endorsement provision of Section 58-1-302 shall:

66 (a) in accordance with Subsection (3), be currently licensed in good standing in another  
67 jurisdiction as set forth in Section 58-1-302;

68 (b) document having met all requirements for licensure under Subsection (1) except the  
69 clinical experience requirement of Subsection (1)(e);

70 (c) have passed the examination requirements established under Subsection (1)(f)  
71 which:

72 (i) the applicant has not passed in connection with licensure in another state or  
73 jurisdiction; and

74 (ii) are available to the applicant to take without requiring additional professional  
75 education;

76 (d) have been actively engaged in the practice of a naturopathic physician for not less  
77 than 6,000 hours during the five years immediately preceding the date of application for  
78 licensure in Utah; and

79 (e) meet with the board and representatives of the division~~[, if requested]~~ for the  
80 purpose of evaluating the applicant's qualifications for licensure.

81 (3) For purposes of Subsection (2)(a), an applicant's license in good standing shall be  
82 certified in writing by a credentialing association designated by division rule made in  
83 collaboration with the board.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**Fiscal Note**

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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.

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