

Amend the bill to add a new Section 1 to the bill, renumbering existing sections accordingly:

Section 1. **Legislative declaration.** The General Assembly hereby finds and declares:

(1) The Naturopathic Doctor Act regulates naturopathic doctors through the form of registration, which is intended as a distinctive and less restrictive form of regulation than is licensure in this state.

(2) Neither the Naturopathic Doctor Act, nor the amendments to it made hereby, are to be interpreted as licensing naturopathic doctors, or allowing registered naturopathic doctors to hold themselves out as licensed by this state. Specifically, registration under the Naturopathic Doctor Act, even as amended hereby, is not intended as granting a license or certification for the purposes of 42 USC 300gg-5(a) or its successor statutes.