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SENATE BILL 14-032

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(None),

Senate Committees
Health & Human Services

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING ELIMINATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON THE ABILITY OF
102 ALTERNATIVE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO TREAT CHILDREN.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

Current law prohibits complementary and alternative health care practitioners and registered naturopathic doctors (alternative health care providers) from treating children under 2 years of age and requires those providers to obtain parental consent and make specified disclosures to parents before treating a child 2 years of age or older but less than 8 years of age.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

The bill repeals the restrictions on the ability of alternative health care providers to treat children of any age.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 6-1-724, **repeal** (6)
3 (m) and (6) (n) as follows:

4 **6-1-724. Unlicensed alternative health care practitioners -**
5 **deceptive trade practices - short title - legislative declaration -**
6 **definitions.** (6) A complementary and alternative health care practitioner
7 providing complementary and alternative health care services under this
8 section who is not licensed, certified, or registered by the state shall not:

9 (m) ~~Treat a child who is under two years of age;~~

10 (n) ~~Treat a child who is two years of age or older but less than~~
11 ~~eight years of age unless the complementary and alternative health care~~
12 ~~practitioner:~~

13 ~~(I) Obtains the written, signed consent of the child's parent or~~
14 ~~legal guardian;~~

15 ~~(H) Discloses that he or she is not a physician licensed pursuant~~
16 ~~to article 36 of title 12, C.R.S.;~~

17 ~~(HH) Recommends that the child have a relationship with a~~
18 ~~licensed pediatric health care provider; and~~

19 ~~(IV) Requests permission from the parent or legal guardian for the~~
20 ~~complementary and alternative health care practitioner to attempt to~~
21 ~~develop and maintain a collaborative relationship with the child's licensed~~
22 ~~pediatric health care provider, if the child has a relationship with a~~
23 ~~licensed pediatric health care provider;~~

24 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-37.3-105, **repeal**
25 (2) (e) and (2) (f) as follows:

1 **12-37.3-105. Practice of naturopathic medicine by**
2 **naturopathic doctors - exclusions - protected activities - rules. (2) A**

3 naturopathic doctor shall not:

4 ~~(e) Treat a child who is less than two years of age;~~

5 ~~(f) Treat a child who is two years of age or older but less than~~
6 ~~eight years of age, unless the naturopathic doctor:~~

7 ~~(I) Provides to the parent or legal guardian of the child a copy of~~
8 ~~the most recent immunizations schedule recommended by the advisory~~
9 ~~committee on immunization practices to the centers for disease control~~
10 ~~and prevention in the federal department of health and human services~~
11 ~~and recommends that the parent or legal guardian follow the~~
12 ~~immunizations schedule;~~

13 ~~(H) Demonstrates successful completion of three hours per year~~
14 ~~of education or practicum training solely related to pediatrics in~~
15 ~~accordance with continuing professional competency requirements~~
16 ~~approved by the director pursuant to section 12-37.3-108; and~~

17 ~~(HH) Requires the child's parent or legal guardian to sign an~~
18 ~~informed consent that:~~

19 ~~(A) Discloses that the naturopathic doctor is registered pursuant~~
20 ~~to this article;~~

21 ~~(B) Discloses that the naturopathic doctor is not a physician~~
22 ~~licensed pursuant to article 36 of this title;~~

23 ~~(C) Recommends that the child have a relationship with a licensed~~
24 ~~pediatric health care provider; and~~

25 ~~(D) If the child has a relationship with a licensed pediatric health~~
26 ~~care provider, requests permission from the parent or legal guardian for~~
27 ~~the naturopathic doctor to attempt to develop and maintain a collaborative~~

1 ~~relationship with the licensed pediatric health care provider, as defined by~~
2 ~~director rules;~~

3 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
4 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
5 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.