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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 42

Short Title: Naturopathic Medicine

Summary:

- Extends the Task Force on Naturopathic Scope of Practice until February 1, 2006 and requires a written report to the legislature regarding proposed legislation and other recommendations by December 1, 2005.
- The Task Force on Naturopathic Scope of Practice was established in 2004 to address:
 - Comparable level of education and training of naturopaths and medical doctors.
 - Appropriate scope of practice relating to the use of legend or prescription drugs by naturopaths.
 - Appropriate scope of practice for non-pharmacological treatments by naturopaths, including minor surgery.
 - Structure and operations of collaborative protocols and agreements.
 - Issues related to joint liability between collaborating practitioners.
 - Other relevant issues.

Benefits:

- Contributes to a better understanding of issues related to the practice of naturopathy by establishing a task force on the scope of naturopathic practice.

Background:

The Task Force established last year was unable to complete its business within the time parameters specified in SB 306. SB 42 is identical to the previous bill with the exception of the time frame.