



Alaska State Legislature

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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 306

Short Title: Naturopathic Medicine

Summary:

- Creates in the legislative branch the Task Force on Naturopathic Scope of Practice 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 issues determined to be relevant.
- Task Force will report its written findings and give a copy of proposed legislation and other recommendations to the legislature before Dec. 1, 2004. Task Force is terminated Feb. 1, 2005.

Benefits:

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