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**HOUSE BILL 15-1075**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY FOR A REGISTERED NATUROPATHIC**  
102                    **DOCTOR TO TREAT CHILDREN WHO ARE UNDER TWO YEARS OF**  
103                    **AGE.**

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**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/bills summaries>.)*

Current law prohibits a registered naturopathic doctor (ND) from treating a child who is under 2 years of age. The bill permits an ND to treat a child who is under 2 years of age if the ND:

- ! Provides the child's parent with the current recommended immunization schedule for children;

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.*

- ! Demonstrates, prior to treating a child under 2 years of age and in each year in which the ND treats a child under 2 years of age, completion of 3 hours per year of education or training in pediatrics;
- ! Requires the child's parent to sign an informed consent acknowledging that the ND is registered under the "Naturopathic Doctor Act" and is not a licensed physician, recommending that the child maintain a relationship with a licensed pediatric health care provider, and requesting permission to collaborate with the child's pediatric health care provider;
- ! On the first visit, refers a child who does not have a relationship with a pediatric health care provider to a licensed physician who treats pediatric patients for a wellness evaluation; and
- ! Complies with director rules pertaining to the training, referral, and communication requirements.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-37.3-105, **amend**  
 3 (2) (e) as follows:

4           **12-37.3-105. Practice of naturopathic medicine by**  
 5 **naturopathic doctors - exclusions - protected activities - rules.** (2) A  
 6 naturopathic doctor shall not:

7           (e) Treat a child who is less than two years of age, UNLESS THE  
 8 NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR:

9           (I) PROVIDES TO THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE CHILD  
 10 A COPY OF THE MOST RECENT IMMUNIZATIONS SCHEDULE RECOMMENDED  
 11 BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES TO THE  
 12 CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION IN THE FEDERAL  
 13 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND RECOMMENDS THAT  
 14 THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN FOLLOW THE IMMUNIZATIONS  
 15 SCHEDULE;

16           (II) (A) ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS

1 SUBPARAGRAPH (II), EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (B) OF  
2 THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (II), DEMONSTRATES IN EACH YEAR IN WHICH THE  
3 NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR TREATS A CHILD UNDER TWO YEARS OF AGE,  
4 SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF FIVE HOURS PER YEAR OF EDUCATION OR  
5 PRACTICUM TRAINING SOLELY RELATED TO PEDIATRICS IN ACCORDANCE  
6 WITH CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS APPROVED  
7 BY THE DIRECTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-37.3-108, WHICH INCLUDES  
8 SUBJECT MATTER RELATED TO RECOGNIZING A SICK INFANT AND WHEN TO  
9 REFER AN INFANT FOR MORE INTENSIVE CARE;

10 (B) IF, PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (f) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2), A  
11 NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR TREATS CHILDREN WHO ARE TWO YEARS OF AGE  
12 OR OLDER BUT LESS THAN EIGHT YEARS OF AGE AND SUCCESSFULLY  
13 COMPLETES THREE HOURS PER YEAR OF EDUCATION OR PRACTICUM  
14 TRAINING SOLELY RELATED TO PEDIATRICS AS REQUIRED BY  
15 SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH (f) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2), THE  
16 NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR IS REQUIRED ONLY TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE  
17 AN ADDITIONAL TWO HOURS PER YEAR OF EDUCATION OR PRACTICUM  
18 TRAINING SOLELY RELATED TO PEDIATRICS TO COMPLY WITH THE  
19 REQUIREMENTS OF SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (II).

20 (III) REQUIRES THE CHILD'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN TO SIGN  
21 AN INFORMED CONSENT THAT:

22 (A) DISCLOSES THAT THE NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR IS REGISTERED  
23 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE;

24 (B) DISCLOSES THAT THE NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR IS NOT A  
25 PHYSICIAN LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 36 OF THIS TITLE;

26 (C) RECOMMENDS THAT THE CHILD HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH  
27 A LICENSED PEDIATRIC HEALTH CARE PROVIDER; AND

1 (D) IF THE CHILD HAS A RELATIONSHIP WITH A LICENSED PEDIATRIC  
2 HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, REQUESTS PERMISSION FROM THE PARENT OR  
3 LEGAL GUARDIAN FOR THE NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR TO ATTEMPT TO  
4 DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE  
5 LICENSED PEDIATRIC HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, AS DEFINED BY DIRECTOR  
6 RULES; OR IF THE CHILD DOES NOT HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH A LICENSED  
7 PEDIATRIC HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, ON THE CHILD'S FIRST VISIT, REFERS  
8 THE CHILD TO AT LEAST ONE LICENSED PEDIATRIC HEALTH CARE  
9 PROVIDER, PHYSICIAN, OR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE WHO CARES FOR  
10 PEDIATRIC PATIENTS FOR A WELLNESS EVALUATION; AND

11 (IV) COMPLIES WITH RULES ADOPTED BY THE DIRECTOR  
12 REGARDING THE TRAINING REQUIRED BY SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS  
13 PARAGRAPH (e) AND REFERRAL TO AND COMMUNICATION WITH LICENSED  
14 PEDIATRIC HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, PHYSICIANS, OR ADVANCED  
15 PRACTICE NURSES AS REQUIRED BY SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (D) OF  
16 SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (e), TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF  
17 CLIENTS WHO ARE UNDER TWO YEARS OF AGE;

18 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
19 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
20 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.