



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 516

PRINTERS NO. 4043

PRIME SPONSOR: Mustio

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
State Board of Medicine Restricted Account	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Establishes the Naturopathic Doctors Practice Act and requires the registration of naturopathic doctors with the State Board of Medicine. This legislation would take effect on January 1, 2018.

ANALYSIS: This legislation establishes the Naturopathic Doctor Registration Act to require an individual to register with the State Board of Medicine in order to use the title "Naturopathic Doctor" or "Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine".

The following are major provisions of the legislation:

- The State Board of Medicine (Board) shall administer and enforce the act. The Board has the authority to establish registration fees, levy fines for violations of the act, impose disciplinary action on registrants and promulgate regulations.
- Beginning on January 1, 2018, no one may hold themselves out as a naturopathic doctor unless they hold an active registration with the Board, and no person may employ a naturopathic doctor unless that individual holds an active registration.
- Applicants for registration must meet all of the following:
 - Have a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university, or the equivalent.
 - Complete a minimum of 4,100 total credit hours in basic and clinical sciences, naturopathic philosophy, naturopathic modalities and naturopathic medicine, which includes at least 2,500 hours of academic instruction and 1,200 hours of supervised clinical training approved by a naturopathic medical school.
 - Pass the North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners' national licensing examination (NPLEX); if graduated prior to NPLEX implementation in 1986 has passed a state naturopathic licensing examination.
 - Be certified to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
 - Be of good moral character.
 - Pay the application fee established by the Board.
- The Board shall issue qualified applicants a certificate of registration which shall be valid for no more than two years. The Board shall establish registration and renewal fees, renewal intervals and other renewal requirements through regulation.

FISCAL IMPACT: According to the Department of State, this legislation would cost the State Board of Medicine approximately \$302,453 annually over a 2-year period after the full implementation of the law. The Department anticipates having to increase personnel hours for the Board and to the Department's Legal Office to manage the increased workload, including administrative staff, investigators, an attorney, and other legal staff. Any new costs to the Board would be offset with biennial registration fees from the new licensees as provided for in the legislation. The Department anticipates the registration of 45 naturopathic doctors at a biennial fee of approximately \$13,442. This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on the General Fund.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.