



The Coalition for Natural Health

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**LEGISLATIVE ALERT - CALL AND
WRITE TODAY**

**YOUR NATURAL HEALTH
FREEDOM AT RISK**

**IMMEDIATE ACTION
NEEDED**

Dear Friend,

The Illinois legislature is considering Senate Bill 22, which endangers the future of naturopathy. This bill seeks to license only nine (that's right -- only 9) Illinois "naturopathic physicians," which went to schools in Washington, Oregon, or Arizona, and then moved to Illinois. These three schools teach a strange form of naturopathy, which involves the use of prescription drugs, the use of surgery, and flies in the face of what Benedict Lust intended when he developed the practice. Although there's clearly a place for both western medicine and naturopathic care, combining the two is a confusing and even dangerous compromise.

This letter is to alert CNH members and interested persons. **You can make a big difference by calling, writing, or faxing the members of the Senate Committee on Licensed Activities using the enclosed contact sheet and asking them to OPPOSE SB 22, the bill to license "naturopathic physicians," when it comes up for a vote.**

What would happen, if Illinois enacts this bill? These nine (9) "naturopathic physicians" would be elevated to the status of primary care physicians -- without the medical background that comes with hospital internships, residencies and traditional allopathic and osteopathic medical school training. These "naturopathic physicians" could get licensed to diagnose, treat and prevent human health conditions, injury and disease.

By contrast, the overwhelming majority of traditional naturopaths such as yourself -- who favor natural and non-invasive preventive care, based on educating clients how to maintain healthy lifestyles, and who pose no threat of harm to anyone -- **would have to either abandon your chosen career or face the threat of being fined and put out of business. This monopolistic, exclusionary legislation is bad news for naturopathy and for the citizens of Illinois.**

Please take a few moments today to call and fax the members of the committee and urge them to OPPOSE SB 22, the "naturopathic physician's" licensing bill. The Coalition for Natural Health may also call you, to ask for further help. If you have any questions, please also feel free to call us here at the Coalition.

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P.S. Please call (800)-586-4264, fax to (800) 598-4264, or email to boydlandry@naturalhealth.org, any comments from members of the Senate Committee on Licensed Activities. This information is crucial in lobbying against SB 22 in Illinois. So that we may alert you more quickly in the future, please send me your e-mail address and/or fax number.

Below is a list of the members of the Illinois Senate Committee on Licensed Activities. Please call, write and fax as many members as possible. You will have to make separate calls and faxes to each member to register your opposition to SB 22.

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