



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 Missouri House of Representatives is considering House Bill 640 by Representative Bob Dixon, R-Springfield, which endangers the future of naturopathy. The bill seeks to license "naturopathic physicians," who went to schools in Washington, Oregon, Connecticut, or Arizona, and then moved to Missouri. These four schools teach what they call "naturopathic medicine," 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 of naturopathy.

This letter is to alert CNH members and interested persons. **You can make a big difference by calling and e-mailing the members of the House Special Committee on General Laws using the enclosed contact sheet and asking them to OPPOSE HB 640, the bill to license "naturopathic physicians," when it comes up for a hearing soon.**

What would happen, if Missouri enacts this bill? "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 natural healers 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 natural health and for the citizens of Missouri.**

«First», please take a few moments today to call, fax, e-mail, and write the members of the committee and urge them to OPPOSE HB 640, the "naturopathic physician's" licensing bill. And remember: this will be a lengthy battle -- the Coalition will be calling on you again to voice your opinion to the legislature. If you have any questions, please also feel free to call us here at the Coalition.

Best regards,

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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 House Special Committee on General Laws. This information is crucial in lobbying against HB 640 in Missouri. 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 Missouri House Special Committee on General Laws. Please call, fax, write and e-mail every Representative as soon as possible. You will have to make separate calls to each office to register your opposition to HB 640.

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