



LEGISLATIVE ALERT



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**LEGISLATIVE ALERT - CALL AND
WRITE TODAY**

**YOUR NATURAL HEALTH
FREEDOM AT RISK**

**IMMEDIATE ACTION
NEEDED**

The Coalition for Natural Health

Dear Friend?

The Rhode Island Legislature is considering Senate Bill 751 by Senator Roger Picard, D-20, 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 Rhode Island. 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 Senate Committee on Health and Human Services using the enclosed contact sheet and asking them to OPPOSE SB 751, the bill to license "naturopathic physicians," when it comes up for a vote.**

What would happen, if Rhode Island enacts this bill? "Naturopathic physicians" would be granted an exclusive scope of practice primarily involving natural and non-invasive preventive care, but also including injections, use of anesthetics, and some surgical procedures -- 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 Rhode Island.**

Please take a few moments today to call and e-mail the members of the committee and urge them to OPPOSE SB 751, the "naturopathic physician's" registration 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,

Boyd J. Landry
Executive Director

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 Health and Human Services. This information is crucial in lobbying against SB 751 in Rhode Island. So that we may alert you more quickly in the future, please send me your e-mail address and/or fax number.

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Below is a list of the
Rhode Island Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.
Please call and email each Senator as soon as possible. You will have to contact each
Senator separately in order to register your opposition to SB751.

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