



The Coalition for Natural Health

LEGISLATIVE ALERT



January 22, 2008

**LEGISLATIVE ALERT - CALL AND
WRITE TODAY**

**YOUR NATURAL HEALTH
FREEDOM AT RISK**

**IMMEDIATE ACTION
NEEDED**

Dear Friend,

The Virginia House of Delegates is considering House Bill 784 by Delegate Terry Kilgore, R-Gate City, which endangers the future of naturopathy. The bill seeks to license "naturopathic doctors," who went to schools in Washington, Oregon, Connecticut, or Arizona, and then moved to Virginia. 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 first calling, writing, and e-mailing the members of the Subcommittee on Health using the enclosed contact sheet and asking them to OPPOSE HB 784, the bill to license "naturopathic doctors," when it comes up for a vote on Monday, January 28, 2008. Secondly, please call, write, and email the members of the House Committee on Health, Welfare, and Institutions and ask them to OPPOSE HB 784 if it gets to the full committee.**

What would happen, if Virginia enacts this bill? Eight (8) "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 doctors" 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 Virginia.**

Please take a few moments today to call, fax, e-mail, and write the members of the subcommittee and the full committee and urge them to OPPOSE HB 784, the "naturopathic physicians" 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 Subcommittee on Health and the full House Committee on Health, Welfare, and Institutions. This information is crucial in lobbying against HB 784 in Virginia. 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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2008, to register your opposition to HB 784. You will have to contact each Delegate separately.
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