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H 1142. NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS LICENSURE. TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS LICENSING ACT. Adds new Art. 40 to GS Ch. 90 regulating practice of naturopathic medicine, which is defined in bill as a system of natural health care that employs natural therapies and diagnostic procedures; use of natural medicine, therapies and topical medicines; counseling, hypnotherapy, naturopathic physical medicine, and therapeutic devices; and use of physical and orificial exams. Other lab tests and diagnostic procedures may be referred to medical doctors or osteopaths. Requires license from board of naturopathy to practice, spells out board membership, procedures and fees for licensure, people who are exempt from licensure and grounds for disciplinary action by board and enforcement of those actions. Spells out requirements for informed consent required before recovery may be had against "health care provider" for failure to obtain consent. Effective Oct. 1, 2003

Intro. by Hill.

Ref. to Finance	GS 90
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