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S 1025. NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS REGISTRATION ACT. *TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS REGISTRATION ACT*. Adds new Article 40 to GS Chapter 90 to require, effective January 1, 2006, of persons practicing as naturopathic physicians to register with the Office of Regulatory and Legal Affairs, Division of Public Health, Dep't of Health and Human Services. Defines naturopathic medicine as system of natural health care that employs diagnosis and treatment using natural therapies and diagnostic techniques for the promotion, maintenance, and restoration of health and the prevention of disease. Prohibits naturopathic physician from certain practices including prescribing or dispensing a prescription drug or any controlled substance and using anesthetics. Amends GS 114-19.16 to require fingerprinting and allow criminal record checks of applicants.

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