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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill 117

TO CREATE THE NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIAN PRACTICE ACT; TO PROVIDE FOR
LICENSURE OF NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS IN ARKANSAS; AND TO CREATE THE
ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NATUROPATHY.

Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 117

Amend Senate Bill 117 as engrossed S2/25/25 (version: 2/25/25 11:11:42 AM):

Page 1, line 12, delete "NATUROPATHY" and substitute "NATURAL MEDICINE"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO CREATE THE NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIAN
PRACTICE ACT; TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSURE OF
NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS IN ARKANSAS; AND
TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF
NATURAL MEDICINE."

AND

Page 2, line 17, delete "Arkansas State Board of Naturopathy" and substitute
"Arkansas State Board of Natural Medicine"

AND

Page 2, delete line 25, and substitute the following:
"body orifices, excluding endoscopy and colonoscopy;



(3) "Electromagnetism" means the administration of electricity or its derivatives to assist in tissue healing and regeneration by cell stimulation, removal of edema and inflammatory mediators, and angiogenesis;"

AND

Page 2, line 26, delete "(3)" and substitute "(4)"

AND

Page 2, line 30, delete "(4)" and substitute "(5)"

AND

Page 2, line 32, delete "(5)" and substitute "(6)"

AND

Page 3, line 3, delete "(6)" and substitute "(7)"

AND

Page 3, delete line 9, and substitute the following:

"therapies and therapeutic substances;

(8)(A) "Naturopathic physical medicine" means the manual administration of mechanical treatment to body structures or tissues for the purpose of restoring normal physiological function to the body by normalizing and balancing the musculoskeletal system of the body, including massage, stretching, resistance, or joint play examination.

(B) "Naturopathic physical medicine" does not include:

(i) The employment or application of chiropractic or spinal adjustments and the principles or techniques of chiropractic science;
or

(ii) The manipulation or adjustment of the spine or extremity joints of the human body beyond the elastic barrier, including small amplitude movement at or beyond the end range of normal joint motion;"

AND

Page 3, line 10, delete "(7)" and substitute "(9)"

AND

Page 3, line 13, delete "(8)" and substitute "(10)"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 24 through 28, and substitute the following:

"(H) Soft tissue therapy;
(I) Therapeutic exercise; or
(J) Naturopathic physical medicine;"

AND

Page 3, line 29, delete "(9)" and substitute "(11)"

AND

Page 4, line 1, delete "(10)" and substitute "(12)"

AND

Page 4, line 4, delete "(11)" and substitute "(13)"

AND

Page 4, line 9, delete "(12)" and substitute "(14)"

AND

Page 4, line 14, delete "(13)" and substitute "(15)"

AND

Page 6, line 10, delete "Arkansas State Board of Naturopathic" and substitute "Arkansas State Board of Natural Medicine"

AND

Page 6, line 13, delete "Arkansas State Board of Naturopathy" and substitute "Arkansas State Board of Natural Medicine"

AND

Page 6, line 28, delete "Arkansas State Board of Naturopathy" and substitute "Arkansas State Board of Natural Medicine"

AND

Page 7, line 3, delete "Arkansas State Board of" and substitute "Arkansas State Board of Natural Medicine"

AND

Page 7, line 4, delete "Naturopathy"

AND

Page 7, line 15, delete "Arkansas State Board of Naturopathy" and substitute "Arkansas State Board of Natural Medicine"

AND

Page 7, line 27, delete "Arkansas State Board of Naturopathy" and substitute "Arkansas State Board of Natural Medicine"

AND

Page 7, line 31, delete "Arkansas State Board of Naturopathy" and substitute "Arkansas State Board of Natural Medicine"

AND

Page 7, line 36, delete "Arkansas State Board of Naturopathy" and substitute "Arkansas State Board of Natural Medicine"

AND

Page 8, delete lines 2 through 36, and substitute the following:

"Subchapter 2 – Regulatory Agency

17-108-201. Arkansas State Board of Natural Medicine – Powers and duties.

The Arkansas State Board of Natural Medicine shall:

(1) Regulate the licensure of naturopathic physicians and determine the hours of continuing education units required for maintaining a license as a naturopathic physician;"

AND

Page 9, delete lines 1 through 36

AND

Page 10, line 34, delete "Arkansas State Board of Naturopathy" and substitute "Arkansas State Board of Natural Medicine"

AND

Page 10, line 35, delete "Arkansas State" and substitute "board,"

AND

Page 10, delete line 36, and substitute the following:

"the following items to the board:"

AND

Page 11, delete line 1

AND

Page 11, line 2, delete "Arkansas" and substitute "board"

AND

Page 11, line 3, delete "State Board of Naturopathy"

AND

Page 11, line 4, delete "Arkansas State Board of Naturopathy;" and substitute "board;"

AND

Page 11, line 6, delete "Arkansas State Board of Naturopathy" and substitute "board"

AND

Page 11, line 13, delete "Arkansas State Board of" and substitute "board;"

AND

Page 11, delete line 14

AND

Page 11, line 16, delete "Arkansas State Board of" and substitute "board;"

AND

Page 11, delete line 17

AND

Page 11, line 18, delete "Arkansas State Board of Naturopathy" and substitute "board"

AND

Page 12, line 7, delete "medication" and substitute "therapeutic substances"

AND

Page 12, line 19, delete "Arkansas State Board of Naturopathy" and substitute "Arkansas State Board of Natural Medicine"

AND

Page 13, delete line 5, and substitute the following:

"the naturopathic physician.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-102-102(1), concerning the definition of "acupuncture" within the Arkansas Acupuncture Practices Act, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Acupuncture" means the insertion, manipulation, and removal of filiform needles from the body and the use of other modalities and procedures at specific locations on the body for the prevention, cure, or correction of a malady, illness, injury, pain, or other condition or disorder by controlling and regulating the flow and balance of energy and functioning of the patient to restore and maintain health, but acupuncture shall not be considered surgery;

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-102-102(3), concerning the definition of "board" within the Arkansas Acupuncture Practices Act, is repealed.

~~(3) "Board" means the Arkansas State Board of Acupuncture and Related Techniques;~~

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 17-102-103(a)(1), concerning the disposition of funds under the Arkansas Acupuncture Practices Act, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) All fees authorized by this chapter are the property of the Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine and shall be provided to the Treasurer of the Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine to be disposed of as provided in this chapter.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 17-102-104(c) is amended to read as follows:

(c) A person licensed or certified under this chapter shall not identify himself or herself as a doctor or physician unless he or she has earned a doctorate degree or transitional doctoral degree from an accredited, approved, or authorized education institution as approved by Arkansas State Board of Natural Medicine.

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 17-102-106 is amended to read as follows:
17-102-106. Prosecution of violations.

It shall be the duty of the several prosecuting attorneys of the State of Arkansas to prosecute to final judgment every criminal violation of this chapter committed within their jurisdictions when requested and authorized by the Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine.

SECTION 7. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 102, Subchapter 2, as amended by Sections 33, 34, and 35 of Acts 2025, No. 170, is amended to read as follows:

Subchapter 2 – Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~
Natural Medicine

17-102-201. Creation of board – Members – Appointment.

~~(a)(1)(A) There is created the Arkansas State Board of Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine.

~~(B) The board shall consist of five (5) persons appointed by the Governor as full members and one (1) person appointed by the Governor as an ex officio member~~ eight (8) persons appointed by the Governor as full members and one (1) person appointed by the Governor as an ex officio member subject to confirmation by the Senate for terms of three (3) years, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section.

~~(2) Three (3) full members of the board shall be qualified acupuncturists.~~

~~(3) Three (3) members shall be qualified naturopathic physicians.~~

~~(3)(A)(4)(A) Two (2) full members shall be appointed to represent the public and shall not have practiced acupuncture and related techniques, naturopathic medicine, or any other medical professional regulated by the board in this or any other jurisdiction nor be retired from or have any financial interest in the occupation~~ occupations regulated.

~~(B) The public members shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate. One (1) member shall represent consumers, and one (1) member shall be sixty (60) years of age or older and shall be the representative of the elderly.~~

~~(C) The same member shall not represent both consumers and the elderly under subdivision (a)(4)(B) of this section.~~

~~(C)(D) The public members shall be full voting members but shall not participate in the grading of examinations.~~

~~(4)(A) The ex officio member shall be a physician licensed pursuant to the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq., and § 17-95-401 et seq., and shall be entitled to be notified of all board meetings and to participate in the deliberations of the board.~~

~~(B) However, the ex officio member shall have no vote, shall not serve as an officer of the board, and shall not be counted to establish a quorum or a majority necessary to conduct business.~~

~~(5)(A) On a biennial basis, the board shall file a written report with the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor.~~

~~(B) The report shall contain a certified copy of the minutes of all board meetings as required by § 17-102-205 for the calendar~~

~~years covering the period of time since the last report.~~

~~(C) The report shall contain a comprehensive assessment of the board's functionality, including without limitation staff and office site adequacy and any other information as may be requested by the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor sufficient for the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor to make a recommendation to the Governor regarding whether the board should be continued or whether the board should be disbanded and abolished in accordance with a proclamation issued by the Governor.~~

~~(b)(1) The initial full members of the board shall be appointed by the Governor for staggered terms as follows:~~

~~(A) One (1) member's term shall expire after one (1) year;~~

~~(B) One (1) member's term shall expire after two (2) years; and~~

~~(C) One (1) member's term shall expire after three (3) years.~~

~~(2) Of the two (2) additional members appointed pursuant to Acts 1999, No. 536, one (1) shall be appointed for a two-year term and the other for a three-year term.~~

~~(3) The initial ex officio board member shall be appointed to a term of three (3) years.~~

~~(4) Successors shall be appointed for three-year terms.~~

~~(5)(2) Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the unexpired term.~~

~~(6)(3) Board members shall serve until their successors have been appointed and qualified.~~

~~(c) The Governor may remove any full member from the board for any reason that would justify the suspension or revocation of his or her license to practice acupuncture and related techniques.~~

The term of each member shall expire on December 31 of the year designated, and a successor appointee shall be named by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, on or before the expiration date of the term expiring.

(d)(1) Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Governor within thirty (30) days of the vacancy.

(2) Vacancies of a professional member must be filled by a qualified appointee from the same profession.

(e) The members of the board shall take the oath prescribed by the Arkansas Constitution for state officers before entering upon the discharge of their duties.

(f)(1) A member of the board may be removed from the board by the Governor:

(A) For good cause under § 25-16-804;

(B) For cause including dishonorable or unprofessional conduct, abuse of authority, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance; or

(C) For any reason that would justify probation, suspension, or revocation of his or her license to practice in the medical profession he or she represents.

(2) A member of the board shall not be involved in an investigation except to cooperate with the investigation as required by the investigator.

~~(d)~~(g) A person who is or has been in the preceding two (2) years on the faculty of a school which is subject to review by the board may not serve on the board.

17-102-202. Board members – Qualifications.

(a) Each member of the Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine shall be a citizen of the United States, a resident of this state, and, before entering upon the duties of the office, shall take the oath prescribed by the Arkansas Constitution for state officers and shall file it with the Secretary of State who shall thereupon issue to each person so appointed a certificate of appointment.

(b) Each ~~full~~ professional member who is a qualified acupuncturist also shall be a graduate of a reputable school or institute of acupuncture or Oriental medicine and be certified by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

17-102-203. Board members – Liability.

(a) A ~~No~~ member of the Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine during the term of his or her office or thereafter shall not be liable for damages as a result of any official act in

the performance of his or her duty as such a member.

(b) Any action therefor shall upon motion be dismissed with prejudice at the cost of the plaintiff.

17-102-204. Board organization – Meetings.

~~(a) The Arkansas State Board of Acupuncture and Related Techniques shall in May each year hold a meeting and elect from the board's membership a president, a secretary, and a treasurer for terms set by the board.~~

~~(b)(1) It shall be the duty of the board to meet regularly one (1) time in every six (6) months.~~

~~(2) Special meetings of the board may be called at any time at the pleasure of the President of the Arkansas State Board of Acupuncture and Related Techniques or by the Secretary of the Arkansas State Board of Acupuncture and Related Techniques on the request of any two (2) full members of the board.~~

~~(3) Three (3) full members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the board.~~

~~(c) The board shall determine by its own rules the time and manner of giving notice to members of meetings and other matters.~~

~~(d) Any action of the board shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the full membership of the board, excluding the ex officio member.~~

(a)(1) Within thirty (30) days of appointment of members, the members of the Arkansas State Board of Natural Medicine shall meet and organize by electing a chair, vice chair, secretary, and treasurer.

(2) The Treasurer of the Arkansas State Board of Natural Medicine shall give bond in such amount as may be designated by the board, which may be increased or decreased from time to time, conditioned for the faithful disbursement and accounting of all moneys coming into his or her hands as the treasurer.

(b) The board shall hold its regular meetings as established by rule of the board and shall have the power to call and hold special meetings at such times and places as deemed necessary.

17-102-205. Board minutes – Records.

(a) The Secretary of the Arkansas State Board of Acupuncture and

~~Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine shall keep a record of the minutes of its meetings and a record of all persons making application for license and the action of the Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine thereon.

(b) The secretary shall also keep a record of the names, addresses, and license numbers of all acupuncturists licensed by the board, together with a record of license renewals, suspensions, and revocations.

17-102-206. Board duties and powers.

(a)(1) The Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine is empowered to incur whatever expenses it may deem necessary or expedient in performing its functions.

(2) All of the disbursements provided for in this section shall be out of the fees and fines collected by the Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine.

(b) The Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine shall:

(1) Make suitable bylaws for carrying out the duties of the Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine under the provisions of this chapter;

(2) Sue and be sued;

(3) Have an official seal that shall bear the words "Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine";

(4)(A) Provide a secretary's certificate.

(B) The certificate of the Secretary of the Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine under seal shall be accepted in the courts of the state as the best evidence as to the minutes of the Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine and shall likewise be accepted in the courts of the state as the best evidence as to the licensure or nonlicensure of any person under the requirements of this chapter;

(5)~~(A)~~ Adopt, publish, and, from time to time, revise rules consistent with the law as may be necessary to enable the Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine to carry into effect the provisions of this chapter and the Naturopathic Physician Practice Act, § 17-108-101 et seq.

~~(B) All proposed rules after July 31, 2009, shall be approved in writing by the Arkansas State Medical Board under the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq., but before submission to the Administrative Rules Subcommittee of the Legislative Council;~~

(6) Keep a record of all proceedings, receipts, and disbursements of the Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine;

(7) Adopt standards for applicants wishing to take the licensing examination under this chapter and conduct examinations or contract with persons or entities to conduct examinations of applicants under this chapter;

(8)(A) Grant, deny, renew, suspend, or revoke licenses to practice acupuncture and related techniques for any cause stated in this chapter.

(B) Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, the Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine shall have exclusive jurisdiction to determine who shall be permitted to practice acupuncture and related techniques in the State of Arkansas; ~~and~~

(9) Conduct disciplinary proceedings under this chapter and the Naturopathic Physician Practice Act, § 17-108-101 et seq.;

(10) Develop a means to provide information to all professionals in this state governed by the Arkansas State Board of Natural Medicine; and

(11) Provide for:

(A) The investigation of complaints against any person regulated by the Arkansas State Board of Natural Medicine or holding himself or herself out to be a professional regulated by the Arkansas State of Natural Medicine;

(B) The publication of information for the public about professions and practices regulated by the Arkansas State Board of Natural Medicine; and

(C) An orderly process for the reinstatement of a license.

(c)(1) In the performance of the duties of the Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine, the Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine may administer oaths and take testimony on any matters within the Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine's jurisdiction and issue subpoenas and thereby compel the attendance of persons before the Arkansas

State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine for the purpose of examining any facts or conditions properly pending before the Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine for action of the Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine.

(2) All subpoenas issued by the Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine shall be served in the manner prescribed by law for the service of subpoenas issuing from the courts, and all persons so served shall obey the subpoenas or be subject to the penalties provided by law for the disobedience of subpoenas issuing from the courts.

SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 17-102-303(c), concerning the unlawful practices and penalties under the Arkansas Acupuncture Practices Act, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) The courts of this state having general equity jurisdiction are vested with jurisdiction and power to enjoin the unlawful practice of acupuncture and related techniques in a proceeding by the Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine or any member thereof or by any citizen of this state in the county in which the alleged unlawful practice occurred or in which the defendant resides or in Pulaski County.

(2) The issuance of an injunction shall not relieve a person from criminal prosecution for violation of the provisions of this chapter, but the remedy of injunction shall be in addition to liability to criminal prosecution.

SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 17-102-304(a)(1) and (2), concerning the application and qualifications to be licensed as an acupuncturist under the Arkansas Acupuncture Practices Act, are amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) ~~No~~ A person shall not be licensed to practice acupuncture and related techniques unless he or she has passed an examination and has been found to have the necessary qualifications as prescribed in the rules adopted by the Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine.

(2)(A) Applications for a license to practice acupuncture and

related techniques in the State of Arkansas pursuant to this chapter shall be made to the Secretary of the Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine in writing on forms furnished by the board.

(B) The application shall be signed by the applicant in his or her own handwriting and acknowledged before an officer authorized to administer oaths.

SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 17-102-305(b), concerning examinations for an acupuncturist under the Arkansas Acupuncture Practices Act, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine shall hold an examination at least one (1) time each calendar year, and all applicants shall be notified in writing of the date and time of all examinations.

(2) The board may utilize a nationally recognized examination if it deems the national exam is sufficient to qualify a practitioner for licensure in this state.

SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 17-102-307(1), concerning license renewal under the Arkansas Acupuncture Practices Act, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Meets all current standards of the Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine; and

SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 17-102-308(a), concerning continuing education for acupuncturists under the Arkansas Acupuncture Practices Act, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine shall not renew the license of any person engaged in the practice of acupuncture and related techniques unless the licensee presents to the board evidence of attendance at a board-approved educational session or sessions of not fewer than twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education within the previous biennial period.

SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 17-102-309(a), concerning disciplinary actions and grounds under the Arkansas Acupuncture Practices Act, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The following acts by an applicant for a license or by a licensed acupuncturist shall constitute grounds for which the disciplinary actions specified in subsection (b) of this section may be taken by the Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine:

(1) Attempting to obtain, obtaining, or renewing a license to practice acupuncture and related techniques by bribery, fraud, or deceit;

(2) Having pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or having been found guilty of, a crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates to the practice of acupuncture and related techniques or to the ability to practice same;

(3) Advertising, practicing, or attempting to practice under a name other than one's own;

(4) Making deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in the practice of acupuncture and related techniques;

(5) Becoming mentally incompetent or unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habits, or other causes;

(6) Becoming habitually intemperate or addicted to the use of habit-forming drugs, illegal drugs, or alcohol;

(7) Acting unprofessionally in the practice of acupuncture and related techniques;

(8) Committing fraud or deceit in filing insurance forms, documents, or information pertaining to the health or welfare of a patient; or

(9) Willfully or repeatedly violating any of the provisions of this chapter or any rule or order of the board.

SECTION 14. Arkansas Code § 25-16-903(1), concerning the authorization for a sixty dollar (\$60.00) stipend, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine;

SECTION 15. Arkansas Code § 25-43-802(a)(15), concerning the state entities transferred to the Department of Health, is amended to read as follows:

(15) The Arkansas State Board of ~~Acupuncture and Related Techniques~~ Natural Medicine, created under § 17-102-201;"

AND

Page 13, line 7, delete "SECTION 2." and substitute "SECTION 16."

AND

Page 13, line 9, delete "Arkansas State Board of Naturopathy" and substitute "Arkansas State Board of Natural Medicine"

AND

Page 13, delete line 11, and substitute the following:

"this act and board rules promulgated in accordance with this act."

SECTION 17. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. Transition period - Membership.

(a)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2) of this section, the existing members of the Arkansas State Board of Acupuncture and Related Techniques shall have their terms expire upon the effective date of this act.

(2) The two (2) members of the Arkansas State Board of Acupuncture and Related Techniques who represent the public shall continue to serve as members of the Arkansas State Board of Natural Medicine and shall exercise the powers and duties assigned until the expiration of the members' terms.

(3) Members of the Arkansas State Board of Acupuncture and Related Techniques may be appointed to serve as members of the Arkansas State Board of Natural Medicine.

(b) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2) of this section, upon the effective date of this act, the initial members of the Arkansas State Board of Natural Medicine created under this act shall be appointed by the Governor for staggered terms as follows:

(1) The term of one (1) member who is an acupuncturist and one (1) member who is a naturopathic physician shall expire after one (1) year;

(2) The term of one (1) member who is an acupuncturist and one (1) member who is a naturopathic physician shall expire after two (2) years;

and

(3) The term of one (1) member who is an acupuncturist and one (1) member who is a naturopathic physician shall expire after three (3) years."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator C. Penzo

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Secretary