



# LEGISLATIVE ALERT



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**LEGISLATIVE ALERT - CALL AND  
WRITE TODAY**

**YOUR NATURAL HEALTH  
FREEDOM AT RISK**

**IMMEDIATE ACTION  
NEEDED**

**Lora Hurley  
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Dear Lora,

The North Carolina General Assembly is considering House Bill 1404 by Representative Dewey Hill, D-20 and Senate Bill 1043 by Senator Eleanor Kinnaird, D-23, which endangers the future of naturopathy. The bills seek to license "naturopathic doctors," who went to schools in Washington, Oregon, Connecticut, or Arizona, and then moved to North Carolina. 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, writing, and e-mailing the members of the House Committee on Health, using the enclosed contact sheet, and asking them to OPPOSE HB 1404 and by calling, writing, and emailing the members of the Senate Committee on Health Care, using the enclosed contact sheet, and asking them to OPPOSE SB 1043, the bills to license "naturopathic doctors," when it comes up for a hearing.**

What would happen, if North Carolina enacts this bill? "Naturopathic doctors" 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 *incarcerated* and put out of business. This monopolistic, exclusionary legislation is bad news for natural health and for the citizens of North Carolina.**

Lora, please take a few moments today to call, e-mail, and write the members of the committees and urge them to OPPOSE HB 1404 and SB 1043, the "naturopathic doctor's" licensing bills. 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 or email to [boydlandry@naturalhealth.org](mailto:boydlandry@naturalhealth.org), any comments from members of the House Committee on Health and the Senate Committee on Health Care. This information is crucial in lobbying against HB 1404 and SB 1043 in North Carolina. So that we may alert you more quickly in the future, please send me your e-mail address.

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