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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NATUROPATHY.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 455, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§455-    Naturopathic childbirth attendance; certification  
5 for specialty practice; requirements. (a) A naturopathic  
6 physician may not practice naturopathic childbirth attendance  
7 without first obtaining a certificate of specialty practice from  
8 the board. The board shall provide in its rules the  
9 requirements needed to certify naturopathic physicians for the  
10 specialty practice of naturopathic childbirth attendance.

11           (b) To be certified for the specialty practice of  
12 naturopathic childbirth attendance, a naturopathic physician  
13 shall:

14           (1) Pass a national standardized supplemental examination  
15 in naturopathic childbirth attendance provided by the  
16 national naturopathic profession licensing  
17 organization or another specialty examination approved  
18 by the board;




- 1        (2) Complete a minimum of one hundred hours in one or any
- 2        combination of the following, upon approval by the
- 3        board:
- 4        (A) Coursework in naturopathic childbirth attendance;
- 5        (B) An internship in naturopathic childbirth
- 6        attendance; or
- 7        (C) A preceptorship in naturopathic childbirth
- 8        attendance; and
- 9        (3) Have assisted in a minimum of fifty supervised births,
- 10       including prenatal and postnatal care, under the
- 11       direct supervision of a licensed naturopathic
- 12       physician, licensed physician, or licensed osteopathic
- 13       physician with specialty training in obstetrics or
- 14       natural childbirth attendance. The fifty supervised
- 15       births required under this paragraph shall include
- 16       twenty-five births that document the naturopathic
- 17       physician as the primary birth attendant."

18       SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

19       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Naturopathic Physicians; Naturopathic Childbirth Attendance; Certificate; Requirements

**Description:**

Requires naturopathic physicians to obtain a certificate of specialty practice from the board of naturopathy prior to practicing naturopathic childbirth attendance. Specifies requirements that must be met prior to certification.

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