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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COLON HYDROTHERAPY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that colon hydrotherapy,
2 also known as colonic irrigation, colon lavage, and colonic
3 services, is potentially dangerous and could cause illness or
4 injury if the person who performs such a service is not properly
5 trained. The legislature further finds that the board of
6 examiners in naturopathy, now known as the board of naturopathic
7 medicine, determined in 1990 and 2004 that colon hydrotherapy is
8 within the scope of practice of a naturopathic physician. The
9 board in 1990 and 2004 also agreed that colon hydrotherapy
10 should be performed by or under the supervision of a
11 naturopathic physician, a consensus that was reached again in
12 2011. The 2011 board noted that colon hydrotherapy needed to be
13 performed by or under the supervision of a naturopathic
14 physician only when performed on another person.

15 The purpose of this Act is to clarify prior determinations
16 of the board of naturopathic medicine, relating to colon
17 hydrotherapy, by:



- 1 (1) Adding a definition for "colon hydrotherapy";
- 2 (2) Amending the definition of "naturopathic medicine" to
- 3 include colon hydrotherapy; and
- 4 (3) Specifying that colon hydrotherapy shall be performed
- 5 on another person only by or under the supervision of
- 6 a naturopathic physician.

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

10 "§455- Colon hydrotherapy. Colon hydrotherapy shall be
11 performed on another person only by or under the supervision of
12 a naturopathic physician licensed pursuant to this chapter;
13 provided that this section shall not be construed to prevent a
14 licensed physician or advanced practice registered nurse from
15 performing colon hydrotherapy that is otherwise authorized
16 within that profession's scope of practice."

17 SECTION 3. Section 455-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended as follows:

19 1. By adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
20 and to read:



1 "Colon hydrotherapy" means a procedure that utilizes
2 equipment approved by the Food and Drug Administration as a
3 class II medical device to allow evacuation of the contents of
4 the colon."

5 2. By amending the definition of "naturopathic medicine"
6 to read:

7 "Naturopathic medicine" means the practice of the art and
8 science of diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of disorders of
9 the body by support, stimulation, or both, of the natural
10 processes of the human body. The practice of naturopathic
11 medicine includes the prescription, administration, dispensing,
12 and use of nutrition and food science, physical modalities,
13 manual manipulation, parenteral therapy, minor office
14 procedures, naturopathic formulary, hygiene and immunization,
15 contraceptive devices, common diagnostic procedures, colon
16 hydrotherapy, and behavioral medicine of the type taught in
17 education and training at naturopathic medical colleges;
18 provided that the use of parenteral therapy and performance of
19 minor office procedures shall not be allowed until the board
20 adopts rules in accordance with chapter 91 pursuant to section
21 455-6."



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1 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

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Description:

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