

April 20, 2005

H 1303. CONSUMER HEALTH FREEDOM ACT. TO ESTABLISH THE CONSUMER HEALTH FREEDOM ACT FOR COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF MEDICINE. Enacts new GS Chapter 90E as follows. GS 90E-3(1) defines "complementary or alternative health care service" to include, among other things, acupressure, aromatherapy, folk practices, herbology or herbalism, homeopathy, Native American medicine, and naturopathy. GS 90E-4 provides that person who provides complementary or alternative health care services but does not hold license, permit, etc., under Article 1 of GS Chapter 90 is not in violation of GS 90-18(c) for unlicensed practice or any other allied health occupation law for unlicensed practice unless person engages in listed acts, including prescribing drug, performing surgery, holding oneself out as physician, etc. GS 90E-5 requires person providing health care services under act who is advertising or charging fee for services to, before providing services, disclose to client in written statement specified information, including that the person is not a physician and the nature of health care services to be provided. When providing health care services for the first time, requires person to obtain written acknowledgement from client stating that client has been provided with this information. Effective June 1, 2005.

Intro. by Luebke.

Ref. to Health

GS 90E

August 23, 2005

H 1303. LRC STUDY/COMP. AND ALT. FORMS OF MED (NEW). Intro. 4/20/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Completely rewrites bill so it is now entitled *TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF MEDICINE*. As new title indicates.