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S 1080. NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIAN LICENSING ACT. Filed 3/20/07. *TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS LICENSURE ACT.*

Adds new Article 42 to GS Chapter 90, as title indicates. Effective May 1, 2009, prohibits a person from practicing as a naturopathic physician without a state license issued pursuant to the bill. Defines naturopathic medicine generally as a system of natural health care that employs diagnosis and treatment using natural therapies and diagnostic techniques. Sets out the techniques that may and that may not be used by naturopathic physicians. Establishes the NC Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Board, with six members appointed two each by the Governor, the General Assembly on recommendation of the Speaker, and the General Assembly upon recommendation of President Pro Tem. Charges board with administration of licensing program. Sets out qualifications for licensure as a naturopathic physician, fees that may be charged by the Board, and the Board's disciplinary authority. Permits criminal records checks for licensees and persons seeking licenses. Creates an Advisory Council to assist the Board in administration of licensing program.

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