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National Health Freedom Action STATE ACTION UPDATE

Occupational Laws Impacting Health Freedom

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NHFA is committed to supporting state bills promoting freedom of choice in health care such as:

- State Safe Harbor Exemption laws to protect unlicensed natural health care practitioners;
- Expanded Care Practice Acts for holistic doctors and other holistic licensed professionals;
- Bills calling for mercury free vaccines;
- Protection of philosophical exemptions for vaccine mandates;
- Protection of access to raw unpasteurized foods such as raw milk and farm fresh products;
- Bills that protect parent rights to choose alternative health care for their children; and
- Support of states that oppose mandatory participation in federal health plans.

The goal is to empower citizens to make health care decisions with the information they need.

Note: Regarding NHFA's commitment to support **the passage of Safe Harbor Exemption bills for independent health care practitioners that do not hold state occupational licenses and are currently practicing in the public domain:** Historically these practitioners have been unfairly charged with practice of medicine without a license. Safe Harbor exemption laws for these practitioners are needed in order to protect consumer access to the broad range of health care and healing practitioners, such as herbalists, traditional naturopaths, homeopaths, body workers, and culturally specific healing practices, that are not currently regulated by the states and that do not rise to the level of concern requiring state oversight, certification, registration, or licensure. Eight states now protect consumer access to unlicensed health care practitioners, including *Oklahoma, Idaho, Minnesota, Rhode Island, California, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Arizona* (limited exemption for homeopaths passed in Arizona). Twenty additional states have introduced similar legislation within the past eight years. Other states are preparing for the future.

The following is a table of bills having to do with OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE ISSUES that we have opposed or supported to protect health freedoms. Green indicates that a safe harbor law has passed in some form in that state.

Bill Activity as of March 30, 2013

States	Year	Bill	Action
Arizona	2011	SB 1175 mandating licensure of homeopaths that are not medical doctors	Opposed; Passed

Mission Statement

To promote access to all health care information, services, treatments and products that the people deem beneficial for their own health and survival; to promote legislative reform of the laws impacting the right to access; and to promote the health of the people of this nation.

	2011	SB 1382 freeing up use of title homeopath for homeopaths practicing under exemption laws	SUPPORTED and PASSED
Arkansas	2013	H.B. 1011 Naturopathic Doctor Licensing	Oppose: 03/21/2013 (H) Recommended for study in the interim by Joint interim Cmmtt ON Public Health, Welfare and Labor Cmmtt
California	2013	A.B. 1278 Integrative Cancer Treatment	Neutral: 03/11/2013 (H) ref to HEALTH AND B.,P. & C.P. - no change 3/29/13
	2012	GMO Labeling Ballot Initiative; 560,000 physical signatures required to earn a spot on the November 2012 Ballot	Supported and Failed:
	2011	AB 575 Licensing Dietitians	Opposed and supported health freedom amendments; Withdrawn at request of author
	2005	AB302 Naturopathic Doctor Registration	Supported Health Freedom safe harbor exemption amendments and Passed
	2001	SB577 Safe Harbor exemption for unlicensed practitioners	SUPPORTED and PASSED
Colorado	2013	H.B.1111 Naturopathic Doctor Licensure	Oppose: 03/25/2013 (H) THIRD READING PASSED, Senate referred to Health Committee
	2013	S.B. 215 Natural Health Consumer Protection Act	Support: Set for hearing in the Senate Health Committee in April
	2012	HB 1060 Dietitian Licensing bill	Opposed and Testified; Tabled indefinitely
	2012	Health Freedom Safe Harbor Exemption for unlicensed practitioners drafted and ready for sponsorship	Supported
	2011	HB11-1173 Naturopathic Doctor Licensing bill	Opposed and Defeated
	2010	HB 1371, "Colorado Health Freedom Act", a Safe Harbor Exemption bill, introduced	Supported; postponed indefinitely in Committee on 4/5/2010
	2009	HB115 Naturopathic Physician Registration bill	Opposed and Defeated
	2007	HB1158 Health Freedom Safe Harbor Exemption bill introduced	Supported; Tabled
Connecticut	2013	H.B.5444/S.B. 873 Colon Hydrotherapy Registration	TBD Public Hearing 02/20; to Joint Cmmtt on Public Health 2/8/2013 - no change 3/29/13 01/18/2013 TO JOINT Cmmtt on PUBLIC HEALTH - no change 3/29/13
	2012	H.B. 5117, "An Act Concerning Genetically-Engineered Foods"	Supported;
Delaware	2008	SB317 Dietitian Licensing bill	Supported health freedom amendments and Passed
Florida	2013	SB720/H.B. 1189 Deregulation of some professions: Example hair braiding	Support 03/27/2013 (S) NOW IN COMMERCE AND TOURISM 03/06/2013 (H) REF TO BUSINESS AND PROF'L REG SUBCOM; GOV OPs APPRS SUBCOM; REG'Y AFFAIRS Cmmtt
	2007	Drafting committee for merged Naturopathic regulation bill for health freedom of multiple parties and orgs	Not introduced
	2004	SB1474/HB801 Safe Harbor Exemption bill	Supported; Tabled
	2001	Florida Statute 456.41 Complementary or alternative health care treatments law for licensed health care providers such as MDs	Enacted
Hawaii	2013	Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 58-13 Study Regarding Herbal Licensure	Oppose Herbal Licensure: 03/12/2013 (S) REFERRED TO CPN, SENATE WAYS AND MEANS.
	2012	H.B. 2031, S.B. 2279 2443, 2478, and 2891 – Requiring GMO-Labeling	Supported; not passed before end of session
	2012	S.B. 2832/H.B. 2570 Dietitian Licensing bill	Opposed; not passed before end of session
	2007	HB631, SB739 Safe Harbor exemption for unlicensed practitioners	Supported; Tabled
	2006	SB2099 Homeopathic exemption from licensure	Supported; Tabled

		requirements	
	2004	HB2036 Safe Harbor Exemption bill for unlicensed practitioners	Supported; Tabled
Idaho	2010	S.B. 1369 Safe Harbor Exemption from Naturopathic Physician Act	Supported and Passed
	1976	Most historic Safe Harbor Exemption bill	Passed
Illinois	2013	SB 1168 Licensing of Naturopathic Doctors	Oppose: 03/22/2013 (S) RULE 3-9(A) / RE-REFERRED TO ASSIGNMENTS
	2013	SB 1651/HB3368 Colon Hydro therapist Licensure	Oppose: 03/22/2013 (S) RULE 2-10 COMMITTEE DEADLINE ESTABLISHED AS APRIL 19, 2013 03/21/2013 (H) PLACED ON CALENDAR 2ND READING - SHORT DEBATE; 3/22 chief co-sponsor added
	2012	SB 2936 Dietitian Nutrition Licensing	Opposed and supported health freedom amendments; not passed before end of session
	2012	S.B. 3922 , Naturopathic Medical Practice Act (introduced on 05/25/2012)	Oppose
	2011	SB 2936 Dietitian Nutrition Licensing	Opposed; not passed before end of session
Indiana	2013	HB1272 Dietitian Licensing	Opposed; not passed
Indiana	2012	HB 1187 Dietitian Licensing	Opposed; not passed before end of session
Iowa	2012	H.B. 507 / S.B. 3022 Naturopathic Licensure	Opposed and Tabled
	2012	H.F. 375 Requiring GMO-Labeling for certain products	Supported; not passed before end of session
	2011	SSB1066, SF293 Licensure of Naturopathic Doctors	Opposed and Tabled
	2008	SF2168 Safe Harbor Exemption health freedom bill	Supported; Tabled
	2004-2007	Safe Harbor Exemption health freedom bills	Supported; Tabled
Kansas	2001	SB276 Naturopathic Doctor Licensing bill	Opposed; Passed Health Freedom amendments rejected
Louisiana	2008	Safe Harbor Exemption health freedom law amendments	Supported and Passed
	2005	SB189 Safe Harbor Exemption bill	SUPPORTED and PASSED
Maryland	2013	SB783/HB 1029 Naturopathic Doctor Licensure	Oppose: Did not pass
	2012	S.B. 180/ H.B. 620 Naturopathic Physician Licensing bill	Opposed; not passed before end of session
	2010	HB 541/ SB 357 Safe Harbor Exemption Bills	Supported: hearing held with no vote taken in both House and Senate
	2009	HB1380 Exemption bill but with registration for unlicensed persons	Opposed and Tabled
	2008	HB 730 Safe harbor Exemption health freedom bill	Supported; no action taken
	2007	Mercury Free dentistry – expanded practice bill for Dentistry	Supported; Passed and Vetoed by Governor
Massachusetts	2013	SB 1091/HB 2003 Naturopathic Doctor Registration	Oppose: to Join Cmmtt on Pub Health 1/22/13 - no change 3/29/13 to Join Cmmtt on Pub Health 1/22/13 - no change 3/29/13
	2012	S1158/H2367 Naturopathic licensing	Oppose; Senate Committee on Health care financing recommended ought to pass and referred to the committee on Senate Ways and Means on May 14, 2012
	2011	S1158/H2367 Naturopathic licensing	Opposed; not passed before end of session
	2009	MA bill filing No. 111409 Health Freedom Safe Harbor Exemption health freedom bill	Supported; Has not moved
Michigan	2013	HB4152 Licensing of Naturopathic Doctors	Oppose: 1/31 Health cmmtt; printed bill filed 02/01 - no change 3/29/13
	2012	HB4789 Health Freedom Safe Harbor Exemption bill	Support

	2012	H.B. 5594 , licensure of naturopathic physicians (introduced on 05/03/2012)	Oppose
	2011	HB4789 Safe Harbor exemption bill	Supported;
	2006	SB403 Dietitian Licensing bill	Opposed; and also supported safe harbor amendments for unlicensed practitioners; Bill passed with no freedom amendment
Minnesota	2012	HF255/S.F. 147 Raw Milk Delivery bill	Supported; not passed before end of session
	2012	Amendment to Agricultural Omnibus bill clarifying MN's Constitutional right to peddle products of the farm or garden	Supported; no vote in House and defeated in Senate
	2012	H.F. 2808 / S.F. 2563 Requiring GMO-Labeling	Supported; not passed before end of session
	2011	HF255 Raw Milk delivery bill	Supported; informational hearing in House but not passed before end of session
	2010	HF1503 Massage Licensure bill	Opposed and Defeated
	2009	Assessment of Naturopathic regulation task force	Participated as member of task force and crafted clarifying amendments
	2008	HF1724 Naturopathic Medicine Registration bill	Opposed; and also supported health freedom amendments exempting traditional naturopaths; Passed
	2000	HF537/SB689 Complementary and Alternative Health Care bill	SUPPORTED and PASSED
Missouri	2013	HB659 Deregulation	Support 2/25/2013 - Read Second Time (H) - no change 3/29/13
	2012	H.B. 984, H.B. 2088 Requiring GMO-Labeling	Supported; not passed before end of session
Montana	2009	SB 287 Safe harbor exemption health freedom bill	Supported; Passed Senate, Tabled in the House 14-4
Nevada	2013	SB220 Board authority to enter premise where medicine is practiced w/o license	Oppose: 3/7 intro'd, to Commerce, Labor & Energy - no change 3/29/13
	2013	Homeopathic certificate assistant or advanced practitioner	Oppose: 3/18/2013 intro and to Commerce and Labor - no change 3/29/13
	2011	AB289 Dietician Licensing bill	Opposed, adopted safe harbor health freedom amendment; PASSED
	2011	SB412 Complementary Integrative Medicine (CIM) Licensing bill	Opposed and Defeated
	2009	SB 69 regulating all unlicensed practitioners under Integrative Medical Board	Opposed and did not move
	2009	SB269 Safe Harbor health freedom exemption bill	Supported; put aside until next session
New Hampshire	2007	HB 908 Bill to regulate all bodywork and Reiki	Opposed and Defeated
New Jersey	2012	H.B. 1367 Requiring GMO-labeling	Support
	2012	SB 833 Dietitian/Nutrition Licensing	Oppose
	2010-2011	S809/A1987 Dietitian/Nutritionists Licensing bills	Opposed; not passed before end of session
	2008-2009	S 1941/A 2933 Dietitian/Nutritionists Licensing bills	Opposed; not passed before end of session
New Mexico	2009	HB 664 Safe Harbor Exemption health freedom bill	SUPPORTED AND PASSED
New York	2013	SB2954/AB5329 Reflexology Licensing	Oppose: Jan 25, 2013: TO HIGHER ED - no change 3/29/13 02/22/2013 to higher education - no change 3/29/13
	2012	SB 3556/AB 5666 Dietitian Licensing bill	Oppose
	2012	S.B. 1803/A.B. 3057A and A.B. 8569 Naturopathic Licensure bills	Opposed and recommended amendment to exempt unlicensed practitioners
	2011	S 3556 and A 5666 Dietitian/Nutritionists Licensing bills	Opposed; not passed before end of session
	2011	S 1803 and A1937 Naturopathic Doctor Licensing bill	Opposed; not passed before end of session
	2008	A8733 Safe Harbor Exemption Health Freedom	Supported; not passed before end of session

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North Carolina	2013	SB 349 Naturopathic Doctor Licensure	Oppose: 03/25/2013 SENATE RE-REFERRED COMMITTEE ON RULES AND OPERATIONS OF THE SENATE
	2012	H.B. 446 Requires labeling of food and milk products that are or that contain genetically modified food and or milk and milk products from animals that have received Recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone (Rbgh).	Supported; not passed before end of session
	2011	S31 Felony law increasing penalties for misrepresenting oneself as a licensed medical doctor	Opposed and offered amendments; Passed with amendments after conference committee and signed by Governor
	2011	S467 Naturopathic Licensing bill	Opposed; Re-referred to the Senate Committee on Finance on June 14, 2011 OR not passed before end of session
	2007-2009	H842 Safe harbor exemption bills	Supported; not passed before end of session
Ohio	2012	HB 259 Complementary and Alternative Health Care Services Access	Supported, passed out of the House on May 24, 2012 by a vote of 66 to 29; introduced in the senate on May 29, 2012
	2011	HB 259 Complementary and Alternative Health Care Services Access	Supported; heard in the Committee on Health and Aging on September 21, 2011 but no vote taken
	2010	HB 442 Safe harbor exemption bill	Supported and Testified; no vote taken
	2009	Safe harbor exemption health freedom bill	Supported; Not passed before end of session
	2008	HB580 Safe harbor exemption health freedom bill	Supported; Not passed before end of session
	2007	H.B. 148 Dietitian Licensing bill with registration for unlicensed practitioners	Opposed and Defeated
	2006	HB 117 Dietitian Licensing bill with registration for unlicensed practitioners	Opposed and Defeated
	2005	HB117 Dietitian Licensing bill with exemption for unlicensed practitioners	Supported , but opposed after registration added; no action taken
Oklahoma	2012	HB 2509 repealing the police power protection sections of occupation practice acts, including dietetics, and consolidating the criminal and civil actions that can be taken against an "unlicensed" person	Opposed; but once occupation of dietetics removed, neutral
	2012	HB 2630, repealing safe harbor exemption language	Opposed; Did not move before session ended
	1994	Exemptions for practices not allopathic mentioning protection of homeopathic	Passed
Oregon	2013	HB2996 acupuncture – restrict supplement and dietary	Oppose 3/1/13 Public meeting in Health Care Cmmtt - no change 3/29/13
Pennsylvania	2013	HB612 Naturopathic Doctor Licensure	Neutral: to PROF'L LICENSURE, Feb. 8, 2013 - no change 3/29/13
	2012	H.B. 1717 Naturopathic Licensure bill	Opposed; Not passed before end of session
	2011	HB1717 Naturopathic Licensure bill	Opposed; Not passed before end of session
	2008	HB2499 Massage Therapy licensure	Opposed; Passed
Rhode Island	2012	H.B.7494 Requiring GMO-Labeling	Support
	2001	Safe Harbor Exemption bill: TITLE 2 , Health and Safety, CHAPTER 23-74, Unlicensed Health Care Practices, SECTION 23-74-1	SUPPORTED AND PASSED
South Dakota	2012	H.B. 1170 Emerging Complementary and Alternative Health Care Professions Licensure Board bill	Opposed and Tabled
Tennessee	2012	H.B. 3678 Requiring GMO-Labeling	Supported; not passed before end of session
Texas	2013	HJR 125 Health Freedom Constitutional Amendment proposal	Support: 3/25/2013 (H) referred to Public Health
	2011	HB1716 Complementary and Alternative Health Care Services bill	Supported; No vote taken
	2009	SB40 Safe harbor exemption health freedom bill	Supported; Tabled at 1 st hearing

	2007	SB1209 Dietitian Licensing bill	Opposed and Defeated
Vermont	2012	H.B. 722 Requiring GMO-Labeling	Support
Virginia	2011-2012	H.B. 345 Dietitian Licensing bill	Opposed and Tabled
	2011-2012	H.B. 543 Massage Licensing bill	Opposed; but after successful negotiations for health freedom amendments, became neutral; Governor vetoed
	2012	S.B. 606 Requiring GMO-Labeling	Supported; not passed before end of session
	2011	HB 2487 Naturopathic Licensing bill	Opposed; Tabled
	2010	Study bill to not include traditional naturopaths	Opposed and Defeated
	2009	HB 1744 Safe Harbor Exemption health freedom bill	Supported; Tabled Indefinitely
	2009	HB 1820 Naturopathic Physician licensing bill	Opposed and Defeated
	2008	HB 784 Naturopathic Physician licensing bill	Opposed and Defeated
Washington	2012	H.B. 2637 / S.B. 6298 Requires the labeling of foods containing genetically engineered material	Supported; not passed before end of session
	2009	HB1961 Safe harbor exemption health freedom bill	Supported; No hearing
	2009	WA Dept. of Health Sunrise Review Hearing concerning registration of colon hydro therapist	Opposed registration: No regulation went forward
	2007	SB 6034/HB2266 Safe harbor exemption health freedom bill	Supported; No hearing
West Virginia	2013	HB2533 Dietitian Licensure	Oppose: to Cmmtt on Gov Org'ztn 2/19/13 - no change 3/29/13
	2012	HB 4045 Dietitian Licensing bill	Opposed; not passed before end of session
	2012	H.B. 2178 Requiring GMO-Labeling	Support
Wisconsin	2012	S.B. 280, the "Wisconsin Consumer Choice and Wellness Legislation" introduced November 4, 2011	Supported; not passed before end of session
	2012	LRB 0253/1 Dietitian Licensing bill	Opposed and Defeated
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	2010	AB440, S115 Dietitian Licensing bill	Opposed and Defeated
	2009	SB 155 Dietitian Licensing bill	Opposed and Defeated
	2009	Safe Harbor Exemption health freedom bill	Supported; not passed before end of session
	2008	SB394 Dietitian Licensing bill	Opposed and Defeated