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3 **HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

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5 **STATE OF MAINE**  
6 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
7 **132ND LEGISLATURE**  
8 **FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 747, L.D. 1128, "An Act to Modernize  
10 the Formulary for Naturopathic Doctors"

11 Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

12 **'Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not  
13 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

14 **Whereas,** the rule designating the formulary for naturopathic doctors has not been  
15 updated since 1996; and

16 **Whereas,** there is a statutory inconsistency that restricts the authority of the Board of  
17 Complementary Health Care Providers to amend the formulary by rule; and

18 **Whereas,** this legislation corrects that inconsistency and must take effect immediately  
19 so that the process to update the formulary can begin; and

20 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within  
21 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as  
22 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
23 therefore,'

24 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the  
25 following:

26 **'Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §12522, sub-§4, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1995, c. 671, §13, is  
27 amended to read:

28 B. A naturopathic doctor may only prescribe noncontrolled legend drugs from the  
29 following categories: homeopathic remedies, vitamins and minerals, hormones, local  
30 anesthesia and immunizations that are designated by rule by a subcommittee of the  
31 board consisting of the naturopathic members, ~~the pharmacist member~~ and the  
32 allopathic or osteopathic physician member, as consistent with a naturopathic doctor's  
33 education and training. A naturopathic doctor may not prescribe psychotropic  
34 medications.

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# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**An Act to Modernize the Formulary for Naturopathic Doctors**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-78)**  
**Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Board of Complementary Health Care Providers associated with the rulemaking process can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.