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CHAPTER 150
H.P. 747 - L.D. 1128

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

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

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

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

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

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

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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

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

Sec. 2. Board of Complementary Health Care Providers to adopt rules. No later than January 1, 2026, as authorized by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 12522, subsection 4, paragraph B, the formulary subcommittee of the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers shall update the formulary for naturopathic doctors and the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers shall adopt the formulary by rule. Prior to making final recommendation to the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers on an update to the formulary, the formulary subcommittee shall consult with pharmacist members of the Maine Board of Pharmacy. Rules adopted by the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers pursuant to this

section are major substantive rules as required by Title 32, section 12506.

Sec. 3. Authority to report out bill. The Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature relating to the prescriptive authority of naturopathic doctors.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 30, 2025.

CHAPTER 151
S.P. 536 - L.D. 1306

**An Act to Continue the
Exemption for Polystyrene
Foam Disposable Food Service
Containers Prepackaged at
Wholesale**

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

Whereas, this legislation amends the provisions of law regarding disposable food service containers. Pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 208, those provisions of law are effective July 1, 2025; and

Whereas, this legislation needs to be enacted prior to July 1, 2025; and

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

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1571, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2021, c. 208, §1, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

This subsection is repealed July 1, ~~2025~~ 2027.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1571, sub-§3-A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 208, §2, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

This subsection is effective July 1, ~~2025~~ 2027.

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §1572, sub-§3, ¶C, as amended by PL 2021, c. 208, §4, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

This paragraph is repealed July 1, ~~2025~~ 2027.