

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

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Legislative Document

No. 421

S.P. 142

In Senate, January 23, 1997

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### An Act to Grandfather Certain Practicing Naturopathic Doctors.

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Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RAND of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative: BRENNAN of Portland.

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

2           Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §12525, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

4           5. Exception. A naturopathic doctor practicing in the  
6 State on July 4, 1996 is not required to pass the  
8 competency-based examination approved by the board if the doctor  
10 graduated from an approved naturopathic medical college and began  
12 practice prior to the existence of the basic sciences exam. The  
14 board is responsible for notifying the eligible naturopathic  
16 doctor.

#### SUMMARY

16           This bill creates an exception to a licensing requirement  
18 for naturopathic doctors. If practicing naturopathic doctors  
20 began their practice before the board-approved basic sciences  
exam was developed, they are exempt from the basic sciences exam  
requirement.