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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 434, L.D. 584, Bill, "An Act to Repeal the Laws Regulating Naturopathic Practitioners"

Amend the bill in section 5 by striking out all of the first 2 lines (page 3, lines 1 and 2 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §12503, sub-§6, ¶¶A, C, D and F, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 671, §13, are amended to read:

A. The practice of fraud or deceit in obtaining a license under this chapter or in connection with services rendered as an acupuncturist ~~or naturopathic doctor;~~

C. Aiding or abetting a person, not duly licensed under this chapter, in claiming to be an acupuncturist ~~or naturopathic doctor;~~

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 7 the following:

'Sec. 8. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1997-98	1998-99
PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
Licensing and Enforcement		
All Other	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)

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2 Deallocates funds from the
Board of Complementary Health
4 Care Providers to reflect the
deregulation of naturopathic
6 practitioners.'

8 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

10 **FISCAL NOTE**

	1997-98	1998-99
12 APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS		
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18	Other Funds	(\$1,000) (\$1,000)
20 REVENUES		
22	Other Funds	(\$3,500) (\$3,500)

24 Repealing the regulation of naturopathic practitioners will
reduce fee collections. The estimated annual reduction of
26 dedicated revenue is \$3,500 beginning in fiscal year 1997-98.
The deregulation of naturopathic practitioners will also result
28 in annual savings to the Board of Complementary Health Care
Providers within the Department of Professional and Financial
30 Regulation of \$1,000 beginning in fiscal year 1997-98. The net
effect of revenue loss and savings may still result in a shortage
32 of dedicated revenues necessary to cover projected expenditures
of the board.

34 This bill may reduce prosecutions for Class E crimes. If
jail sentences are reduced, the savings to the counties are
36 estimated to be \$83.78 per day per prisoner. These savings do
not affect reimbursement by the State. The reduction in the
38 number of prosecutions that would have resulted in a jail
sentence and the resulting savings to the county jail system are
40 expected to be insignificant.

42 The Judicial Department may realize some minor savings from
reductions of workload and administrative costs associated with
44 the minimal number of cases that will no longer be filed in the
court system. Reductions in the collection of fines may decrease
46 General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment deletes references to a naturopathic doctor not identified in the original bill and adds an allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

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