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House of Representatives, January 11, 2001

An Act to Establish Requirements for Licensed Physicians Regarding Naturopathic Treatments.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative DAVIS of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Representatives: SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, WESTON of Montville.

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

4 Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §3295-A is enacted to read:

6 **§3295-A. Naturopathic treatment and disclosure**

8 A physician licensed under this chapter, who advertises as a
10 provider of naturopathic medicine, as defined in section 12501,
shall, with regard to patients specifically seeking naturopathic
care:

12 1. Treatment. Offer all appropriate naturopathic medical
14 treatments before offering standard medical treatments, unless
requested to do otherwise by the patient;

16 2. Research. Disclose to the patient any available
18 research regarding the naturopathic medical treatments; and

20 3. Insurance. Disclose to the patient any limitations of
22 the physician's malpractice insurance regarding naturopathic
medical treatments.

24 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill requires that licensed physicians who advertise as
28 providers of naturopathic medicine offer naturopathic medical
30 treatments to patients seeking naturopathic care, provide
32 research information to those patients and notify those patients
of any limitations of the physician's malpractice insurance
regarding naturopathic medicine.