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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sens. LAVALLE, ADDABBO, AVELLA, BONACIC, DIAZ, LARKIN, MAZIARZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. HOYT, ORTIZ, ENGLEBRIGHT, CAHILL, CYMBROWITZ, N. RIVERA, McENENY, LENTOL, BENEDETTO, GUNTHER, REILLY, BARRON, CASTRO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ARROYO, BING, BOYLAND, BOYLE, BRENNAN, BUTLER, CALHOUN, CAMARA, CONTE, COOK, CUSICK, DINOWITZ, FARRELL, HEASTIE, HEVESI, JACOBS, LIFTON, LOSQUADRO, LUPARDO, MOLINARO, PAULIN, PEOPLES-STOKES, PRETLOW, RAMOS, J. RIVERA, P. RIVERA, SCARBOROUGH, SCHIMEL, TITUS, WEISENBERG, WRIGHT, ZEBROWSKI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- again reported from said committee with amendments, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, the limited liability company law and the partnership law, in relation to the practice of naturopathy; and to amend the social services law, in relation to the reporting of child abuse

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Legislative intent. In order to protect the public health,  
2     safety and welfare of the citizens who desire naturopathic care, the  
3     legislature finds it is necessary to regulate the practice of naturopathy  
4     by providing licensure for qualified practitioners. It is the legis-

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 legislature's intent that only practitioners who meet and maintain standards  
2 of competence are recognized by the public as licensed naturopaths. The  
3 legislature recognizes that, unlike other currently licensed  
4 professions, naturopathic doctors are formally educated in the use of  
5 natural therapies, natural substances and pharmacological substances for  
6 common health conditions and disease prevention. Naturopaths serve the  
7 public as experts in drug/nutrient and drug/herb interactions.

8 S 2. The education law is amended by adding a new article 132-A to  
9 read as follows:

10 ARTICLE 132-A  
11 NATUROPATHS

12 SECTION 6575. INTRODUCTION.

13 6576. DEFINITIONS.

14 6577. DEFINITION OF THE PRACTICE OF NATUROPATHY.

15 6578. TITLE AND DESIGNATION.

16 6579. QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE.

17 6580. STATE BOARD FOR NATUROPATHY.

18 6581. EXEMPTIONS.

19 6582. SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

20 6583. PROHIBITIONS.

21 6584. MANDATORY CONTINUING COMPETENCY.

22 S 6575. INTRODUCTION. THIS ARTICLE APPLIES TO THE LICENSURE AND REGU-  
23 LATION OF NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS TO PRACTICE NATUROPATHY IN THIS STATE.  
24 THE GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR ALL PROFESSIONS CONTAINED IN ARTICLE ONE  
25 HUNDRED THIRTY OF THIS TITLE APPLY TO THIS ARTICLE.

26 S 6576. DEFINITIONS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, THE TERM  
27 "BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD FOR NATUROPATHY.

28 S 6577. DEFINITION OF THE PRACTICE OF NATUROPATHY. THE PRACTICE OF  
29 NATUROPATHY BY A CERTIFIED NATUROPATHY PRACTITIONER INVOLVES THE APPLI-  
30 CATION OF NON-PHARMACEUTICAL AND NON-SURGICAL TREATMENTS, WHICH COMPLE-  
31 MENT MEDICAL TREATMENT AS DEFINED PURSUANT TO SECTION SIXTY-FIVE HUNDRED  
32 TWENTY-ONE OF THIS TITLE, TO ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE THE BODY'S  
33 SELF-HEALING PROCESS. THE PRACTICE OF NATUROPATHY BY A CERTIFIED NATURO-  
34 PATHY PRACTITIONER INVOLVES THE APPLICATION OF THE FOLLOWING HEALING  
35 SYSTEMS OF PHYSICAL, NUTRITIONAL OR NATURAL AGENT REGIMENS; DIETARY  
36 CHANGES; VITAMINS, MINERALS AND OTHER DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS AND OVER-THE-  
37 COUNTER HERBAL MEDICINE AS DEFINED AND APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND  
38 DRUG ADMINISTRATION; COUNSELING AND EDUCATION ON LIFESTYLE CHANGES;  
39 HOMEOPATHY; HYDROTHERAPY, MANIPULATION AND MOBILIZATION; EXERCISE THERA-  
40 PY AND MIND-BODY THERAPIES SUCH AS YOGA AND MEDITATION (A CONSCIOUS  
41 MENTAL PROCESS USING CERTAIN TECHNIQUES, SUCH AS FOCUSING ATTENTION OR  
42 MAINTAINING A SPECIFIC POSTURE TO SUSPEND THE STREAM OF THOUGHTS AND  
43 RELAX THE BODY AND MIND). A PHYSICIAN MUST AT ALL TIMES SUPERVISE THE  
44 PRACTICE OF A CERTIFIED NATUROPATHY PRACTITIONER.

45 S 6578. TITLE AND DESIGNATION. ONLY A PERSON LICENSED UNDER THIS  
46 ARTICLE MAY USE ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING TERMS, CONSISTENT WITH  
47 ACADEMIC DEGREES EARNED: "DOCTOR OF NATUROPATHY", "DOCTOR OF NATUROPATH-  
48 IC MEDICINE" OR ITS ABBREVIATION, "ND", "NATUROPATH", "NATUROPATHIC  
49 DOCTOR" OR "LICENSED NATUROPATH". HOWEVER, NONE OF SUCH TERMS OR ANY  
50 COMBINATION OF SUCH TERMS SHALL BE SO USED TO CONVEY THE IDEA THAT THE  
51 INDIVIDUAL WHO USES SUCH TERM PRACTICES ANYTHING OTHER THAN NATUROPATHY.

52 S 6579. QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE. TO QUALIFY FOR A LICENSE TO  
53 PRACTICE NATUROPATHY, AN APPLICANT SHALL FULFILL THE FOLLOWING REQUIRE-  
54 MENTS:

55 1. APPLICATION. FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT;

2. EDUCATION. HAVE RECEIVED A DOCTORAL DEGREE OR DIPLOMA AS A NATURO-PATHIC DOCTOR (ND) OR DOCTOR OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE (ND) FROM A PROGRAM OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE REGISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT MEETS NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ACCREDITATION STANDARDS SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD AND DETERMINED TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMISSIONER'S REGULATIONS;

3. EXPERIENCE. AS OF THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN, HAVE SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED AN APPROVED CLINICAL POST-GRADUATE RESIDENCY TRAINING, OF NOT LESS THAN TWELVE MONTHS DURATION, UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A GRADUATE OF AN APPROVED PROGRAM WITH A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL ACTIVITY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMISSIONER'S REGULATIONS;

4. EXAMINATION. PASS AN EXAMINATION THAT MEETS NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TEST DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND TEST COMPETENCIES FOR NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMISSIONER'S REGULATIONS;

5. AGE. BE AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE;

6. CHARACTER. BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND

7. FEES. PAY A FEE OF THREE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR AN INITIAL LICENSE AND A FEE OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH TRIENNIAL REGISTRATION PERIOD.

S 6580. STATE BOARD FOR NATUROPATHY. A STATE BOARD FOR NATUROPATHY SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING THE BOARD OF REGENTS AND THE DEPARTMENT ON MATTERS OF LICENSING AND REGULATION. THE BOARD SHALL BE COMPOSED OF AT LEAST SIX LICENSED MEMBERS FROM THE PROFESSION LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE AND AT LEAST TWO PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES WHO DO NOT HOLD INTERESTS IN THE ORGANIZATION, FINANCING, OR DELIVERY OF NATUROPATHIC SERVICES AND ONE LICENSED PHYSICIAN WHO IS EITHER A DOCTOR OF MEDICINE OR A DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHY. MEMBERS OF THE FIRST BOARD NEED NOT BE LICENSED PRIOR TO THEIR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD BUT SHALL HAVE MET ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF LICENSING UNDER SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION SIXTY-FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE OF THIS ARTICLE AND SHALL HAVE RESIDED IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS PRECEDING THEIR APPOINTMENT TO THE INITIAL BOARD. THE TERMS OF THE FIRST APPOINTED MEMBERS SHALL BE STAGGERED SO THAT THREE ARE APPOINTED FOR THREE YEARS, THREE ARE APPOINTED FOR FOUR YEARS, AND THREE ARE APPOINTED FOR FIVE YEARS. AN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS ON RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSIONER.

S 6581. EXEMPTIONS. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO AFFECT OR PREVENT THE FOLLOWING:

1. A LICENSED PHYSICIAN FROM PRACTICING HIS OR HER PROFESSION AS DEFINED UNDER ARTICLES ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE AND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE-B OF THIS TITLE; A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE OR A CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER PRACTICING HIS OR HER PROFESSION AS DEFINED UNDER ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE OF THIS TITLE; OR QUALIFIED MEMBERS OF OTHER PROFESSIONS LICENSED UNDER THIS TITLE FROM PERFORMING THE PRACTICE OF THEIR PROFESSIONS, EXCEPT THAT SUCH PERSONS MAY NOT HOLD THEMSELVES OUT UNDER THE TITLE NATUROPATH OR AS PERFORMING NATUROPATHY;

2. A STUDENT, INTERN OR RESIDENT IN, AND AS PART OF, A SUPERVISED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IN AN INSTITUTION APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT;

3. THE USE BY NON-NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS, OF THERAPIES USED BY NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO HOMEOPATHIC REMEDIES, NUTRITIONAL AND DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS, HERBS, AND SUCH FORCES AS HEAT, COLD, WATER, TOUCH AND LIGHT.

1 S 6582. SPECIAL PROVISIONS. THE COMMISSIONER MAY ADOPT SUCH REGU-  
2 LATIONS AS APPROPRIATE TO LICENSE INDIVIDUALS WHO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS  
3 FOR LICENSE ESTABLISHED IN THIS ARTICLE, EXCEPT FOR EXAMINATION AND,  
4 WHOSE STANDARDS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMMISSIONER. THE APPLICANT SHALL  
5 SUBMIT WITHIN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS  
6 SECTION EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAVING GRADUATED FROM  
7 AN APPROVED PROGRAM PRIOR TO NINETEEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN.

8 S 6583. PROHIBITIONS. A NATUROPATHY PRACTITIONER CERTIFIED UNDER THIS  
9 ARTICLE SHALL BE PROHIBITED FROM:

10 1. PRESCRIBING OR ADMINISTERING DRUGS AS DEFINED IN THIS CHAPTER AS A  
11 TREATMENT, THERAPY OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE IN THE PRACTICE OF NATUROPA-  
12 THY; AND

13 2. USING INVASIVE PROCEDURES IN TESTING OR AS A TREATMENT, THERAPY, OR  
14 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE IN THE PRACTICE OF NATUROPATHY. FOR PURPOSES OF  
15 THIS SUBDIVISION, "INVASIVE PROCEDURE" MEANS ANY PROCEDURE IN WHICH  
16 HUMAN TISSUE IS CUT, ALTERED, OR OTHERWISE INFILTRATED BY MECHANICAL OR  
17 OTHER MEANS. INVASIVE PROCEDURE INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO SURGERY,  
18 LASERS, GIVING INJECTIONS, DRAWING BLOOD, IONIZING RADIATION, THERAPEU-  
19 TIC ULTRASOUND, ELECTROCONVULSIVE THERAPY, ELECTRICAL SHOCK THERAPY OR  
20 ELECTROMYOGRAPHY; AND

21 3. PRACTICING OR CLAIMING TO PRACTICE AS A MEDICAL DOCTOR, OSTEOPATH,  
22 DENTIST, PODIATRIST, OPTOMETRIST, PSYCHOLOGIST, REGISTERED PRACTICE  
23 NURSE, ADVANCE PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL NURSE, MIDWIFE, PHYSICIAN ASSIST-  
24 ANT, CHIROPRACTOR, PHYSICAL THERAPIST, ACUPUNCTURIST, MENTAL HEALTH  
25 THERAPIST OR ANY OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL NOT AUTHORIZED IN THIS  
26 CHAPTER; AND

27 4. USING ANESTHESIA OR ANY OTHER MEANS OF SEDATION IN THE PRACTICE OF  
28 NATUROPATHY; AND

29 5. PROVIDING OBSTETRICAL SERVICES; AND

30 6. PROVIDING PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES; AND

31 7. ORDERING OR INTERPRETING X-RAYS AND MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING  
32 STUDIES; AND

33 8. ORDERING OR INTERPRETING DIAGNOSTIC TESTS; AND

34 9. SETTING FRACTURES.

35 ENGAGING IN ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION SHALL  
36 CONSTITUTE PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT PURSUANT TO SECTION SIXTY-FIVE  
37 HUNDRED NINE OF THIS TITLE.

38 S 6584. MANDATORY CONTINUING COMPETENCY. 1. A. EACH LICENSED NATURO-  
39 PATH REQUIRED UNDER THIS ARTICLE TO REGISTER TRIENNIALLY WITH THE  
40 DEPARTMENT TO PRACTICE IN THE STATE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF  
41 THE MANDATORY CONTINUING COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN SUBDIVI-  
42 SION TWO OF THIS SECTION, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPHS B AND C OF  
43 THIS SUBDIVISION. LICENSED NATUROPATHS WHO DO NOT SATISFY THE MANDATORY  
44 CONTINUING COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS SHALL NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE  
45 UNTIL THEY HAVE MET SUCH REQUIREMENTS, AND THEY HAVE BEEN ISSUED A  
46 REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE, EXCEPT THAT A LICENSED NATUROPATH MAY PRACTICE  
47 WITHOUT HAVING MET SUCH REQUIREMENTS IF HE OR SHE IS ISSUED A CONDI-  
48 TIONAL REGISTRATION PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THREE OF THIS SECTION.

49 B. ADJUSTMENT TO THE MANDATORY CONTINUING COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS MAY  
50 BE GRANTED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR REASONS OF HEALTH OF THE LICENSEE WHERE  
51 CERTIFIED BY AN APPROPRIATE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL, FOR EXTENDED  
52 ACTIVE DUTY WITH THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, OR FOR OTHER  
53 GOOD CAUSE ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT WHICH MAY PREVENT COMPLIANCE.

54 C. A LICENSED NATUROPATH NOT ENGAGED IN PRACTICE, AS DETERMINED BY THE  
55 DEPARTMENT, SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE MANDATORY CONTINUING COMPETENCY  
56 REQUIREMENT UPON THE FILING OF A STATEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT DECLARING

1 SUCH STATUS. ANY LICENSEE WHO RETURNS TO THE PRACTICE OF LICENSED NATU-  
2 ROPATH DURING THE TRIENNIAL REGISTRATION PERIOD SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPART-  
3 MENT PRIOR TO REENTERING THE PROFESSION AND SHALL MEET SUCH MANDATORY  
4 CONTINUING COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS AS SHALL BE PRESCRIBED BY REGULATIONS  
5 OF THE COMMISSIONER.

6 2. A. DURING EACH TRIENNIAL REGISTRATION PERIOD AN APPLICANT FOR  
7 REGISTRATION AS A LICENSED NATUROPATH SHALL COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF THIR-  
8 TY-SIX HOURS OF LEARNING ACTIVITIES WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO CONTINUING  
9 COMPETENCE, AS SPECIFIED IN SUBDIVISION FOUR OF THIS SECTION, PROVIDED  
10 FURTHER THAT AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS SHALL BE IN AREAS OF STUDY  
11 PERTINENT TO THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF NATUROPATHY. WITH THE EXCEPTION  
12 OF CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS TAKEN DURING THE REGISTRATION PERIOD IMME-  
13 DIATELY PRECEDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, CONTINUING EDUCA-  
14 TION HOURS TAKEN DURING ONE TRIENNIUM MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO A SUBSE-  
15 QUENT TRIENNIUM.

16 B. ANY LICENSED NATUROPATH WHOSE FIRST REGISTRATION DATE FOLLOWING THE  
17 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION OCCURS LESS THAN THREE YEARS FROM SUCH  
18 EFFECTIVE DATE, SHALL COMPLETE CONTINUING COMPETENCY HOURS ON A PRORATED  
19 BASIS AT THE RATE OF ONE-HALF HOUR PER MONTH FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING  
20 JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE, UP TO THE FIRST REGISTRATION DATE.

21 C. THEREAFTER, A LICENSEE WHO HAS NOT SATISFIED THE MANDATORY CONTINU-  
22 ING COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS SHALL NOT BE ISSUED A TRIENNIAL REGISTRATION  
23 CERTIFICATE BY THE DEPARTMENT AND SHALL NOT PRACTICE UNLESS AND UNTIL A  
24 CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS PROVIDED FOR IN SUBDI-  
25 VISION THREE OF THIS SECTION.

26 3. THE DEPARTMENT, IN ITS DISCRETION, MAY ISSUE A CONDITIONAL REGIS-  
27 TRATION TO A LICENSEE WHO FAILS TO MEET THE CONTINUING COMPETENCY  
28 REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION, BUT WHO  
29 AGREES TO MAKE UP ANY DEFICIENCIES AND COMPLETE ANY ADDITIONAL LEARNING  
30 ACTIVITIES WHICH THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE.

31 THE FEE FOR SUCH A CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION SHALL BE THE SAME AS, AND  
32 IN ADDITION TO, THE FEE FOR THE TRIENNIAL REGISTRATION. THE DURATION OF  
33 SUCH CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT BUT  
34 SHALL NOT EXCEED ONE YEAR. ANY LICENSEE WHO IS NOTIFIED OF THE DENIAL OF  
35 REGISTRATION FOR FAILURE TO SUBMIT EVIDENCE, SATISFACTORY TO THE DEPART-  
36 MENT, OF REQUIRED CONTINUING COMPETENCY LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND WHO  
37 PRACTICES WITHOUT SUCH REGISTRATION, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY  
38 PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION SIXTY-FIVE HUNDRED TEN OF THIS TITLE.

39 4. AS USED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION, "ACCEPTABLE LEARNING  
40 ACTIVITIES" SHALL MEAN ACTIVITIES WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO PROFESSIONAL PRAC-  
41 TICE IN NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE, AND WHICH MEET THE STANDARDS PRESCRIBED  
42 IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER. SUCH LEARNING ACTIVITIES SHALL  
43 INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, COLLEGIATE LEVEL CREDIT AND NON-CREDIT  
44 COURSES, SELF-STUDY ACTIVITIES, INDEPENDENT STUDY, FORMAL MENTORING  
45 ACTIVITIES, PUBLICATIONS IN PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOP-  
46 MENT PROGRAMS AND TECHNICAL SESSIONS; SUCH LEARNING ACTIVITIES MAY BE  
47 OFFERED AND SPONSORED BY NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL PROFESSIONAL ASSOCI-  
48 ATIONS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OR PARTIES ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT,  
49 AND ANY OTHER ORGANIZED EDUCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES  
50 ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT MAY, IN ITS DISCRETION AND  
51 AS NEEDED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC, REQUIRE  
52 THE COMPLETION OF CONTINUING COMPETENCY LEARNING ACTIVITIES IN SPECIFIC  
53 SUBJECTS TO FULFILL THIS MANDATORY CONTINUING COMPETENCY REQUIREMENT.  
54 LEARNING ACTIVITIES MUST BE TAKEN FROM A SPONSOR APPROVED BY THE DEPART-  
55 MENT, PURSUANT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER.

1 5. LICENSED NATUROPATHS SHALL MAINTAIN ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION OF  
2 COMPLETION OF:

3 A. A LEARNING PLAN THAT SHALL RECORD CURRENT AND ANTICIPATED ROLES AND  
4 RESPONSIBILITIES BUT SHALL NOT REQUIRE THE RECORDS OF PEER REVIEW OR  
5 SELF-ASSESSMENT OF COMPETENCIES; AND

6 B. ACCEPTABLE CONTINUING COMPETENCY LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND SHALL  
7 PROVIDE SUCH DOCUMENTATION AT THE REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT.

8 6. THE MANDATORY CONTINUING COMPETENCY FEE SHALL BE FIFTY DOLLARS FOR  
9 LICENSED NATUROPATHS, SHALL BE PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF  
10 EACH TRIENNIAL REGISTRATION PERIOD, AND SHALL BE PAID IN ADDITION TO THE  
11 TRIENNIAL REGISTRATION FEE REQUIRED BY SECTION SIXTY-FIVE HUNDRED SEVEN-  
12 TY-NINE OF THIS ARTICLE.

13 S 3. Subdivision (a) of section 1203 of the limited liability company  
14 law, as separately amended by chapters 420 and 676 of the laws of 2002,  
15 is amended to read as follows:

16 (a) Notwithstanding the education law or any other provision of law,  
17 one or more professionals each of whom is authorized by law to render a  
18 professional service within the state, or one or more professionals, at  
19 least one of whom is authorized by law to render a professional service  
20 within the state, may form, or cause to be formed, a professional  
21 service limited liability company for pecuniary profit under this arti-  
22 cle for the purpose of rendering the professional service or services as  
23 such professionals are authorized to practice. With respect to a profes-  
24 sional service limited liability company formed to provide medical  
25 services as such services are defined in article 131 of the education  
26 law, each member of such limited liability company must be licensed  
27 pursuant to article 131 of the education law to practice medicine in  
28 this state. With respect to a professional service limited liability  
29 company formed to provide dental services as such services are defined  
30 in article 133 of the education law, each member of such limited liabil-  
31 ity company must be licensed pursuant to article 133 of the education  
32 law to practice dentistry in this state. With respect to a professional  
33 service limited liability company formed to provide veterinary services  
34 as such services are defined in article 135 of the education law, each  
35 member of such limited liability company must be licensed pursuant to  
36 article 135 of the education law to practice veterinary medicine in this  
37 state. With respect to a professional service limited liability company  
38 formed to provide professional engineering, land surveying, architec-  
39 tural and/or landscape architectural services as such services are  
40 defined in article 145, article 147 and article 148 of the education  
41 law, each member of such limited liability company must be licensed  
42 pursuant to article 145, article 147 and/or article 148 of the education  
43 law to practice one or more of such professions in this state. With  
44 respect to a professional service limited liability company formed to  
45 provide licensed clinical social work services as such services are  
46 defined in article 154 of the education law, each member of such limited  
47 liability company shall be licensed pursuant to article 154 of the  
48 education law to practice licensed clinical social work in this state.  
49 With respect to a professional service limited liability company formed  
50 to provide creative arts therapy services as such services are defined  
51 in article 163 of the education law, each member of such limited liabil-  
52 ity company must be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education  
53 law to practice creative arts therapy in this state. With respect to a  
54 professional service limited liability company formed to provide  
55 marriage and family therapy services as such services are defined in  
56 article 163 of the education law, each member of such limited liability

1 company must be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education law to  
2 practice marriage and family therapy in this state. With respect to a  
3 professional service limited liability company formed to provide mental  
4 health counseling services as such services are defined in article 163  
5 of the education law, each member of such limited liability company must  
6 be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education law to practice  
7 mental health counseling in this state. With respect to a professional  
8 service limited liability company formed to provide psychoanalysis  
9 services as such services are defined in article 163 of the education  
10 law, each member of such limited liability company must be licensed  
11 pursuant to article 163 of the education law to practice psychoanalysis  
12 in this state. WITH RESPECT TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY  
13 COMPANY FORMED TO PROVIDE NATUROPATHIC SERVICES AS SUCH SERVICES ARE  
14 DEFINED IN ARTICLE 132-A OF THE EDUCATION LAW, EACH MEMBER OF SUCH  
15 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY MUST BE LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 132-A OF  
16 THE EDUCATION LAW TO PRACTICE NATUROPATHY IN THIS STATE. In addition to  
17 engaging in such profession or professions, a professional service  
18 limited liability company may engage in any other business or activities  
19 as to which a limited liability company may be formed under section two  
20 hundred one of this chapter. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
21 this section, a professional service limited liability company (i)  
22 authorized to practice law may only engage in another profession or  
23 business or activities or (ii) which is engaged in a profession or other  
24 business or activities other than law may only engage in the practice of  
25 law, to the extent not prohibited by any other law of this state or any  
26 rule adopted by the appropriate appellate division of the supreme court  
27 or the court of appeals.

28 S 4. Subdivision (b) of section 1207 of the limited liability company  
29 law, as separately amended by chapters 420 and 676 of the laws of 2002,  
30 is amended to read as follows:

31 (b) with respect to a professional service limited liability company  
32 formed to provide medical services as such services are defined in arti-  
33 cle 131 of the education law, each member of such limited liability  
34 company must be licensed pursuant to article 131 of the education law to  
35 practice medicine in this state. With respect to a professional service  
36 limited liability company formed to provide dental services as such  
37 services are defined in article 133 of the education law, each member of  
38 such limited liability company must be licensed pursuant to article 133  
39 of the education law to practice dentistry in this state. With respect  
40 to a professional service limited liability company formed to provide  
41 veterinary services as such services are defined in article 135 of the  
42 education law, each member of such limited liability company must be  
43 licensed pursuant to article 135 of the education law to practice veter-  
44 inary medicine in this state. With respect to a professional service  
45 limited liability company formed to provide professional engineering,  
46 land surveying, architectural and/or landscape architectural services as  
47 such services are defined in article 145, article 147 and article 148 of  
48 the education law, each member of such limited liability company must be  
49 licensed pursuant to article 145, article 147 and/or article 148 of the  
50 education law to practice one or more of such professions in this state.  
51 With respect to a professional service limited liability company formed  
52 to provide licensed clinical social work services as such services are  
53 defined in article 154 of the education law, each member of such limited  
54 liability company shall be licensed pursuant to article 154 of the  
55 education law to practice licensed clinical social work in this state.  
56 With respect to a professional service limited liability company formed

1 to provide creative arts therapy services as such services are defined  
2 in article 163 of the education law, each member of such limited liabil-  
3 ity company must be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education  
4 law to practice creative arts therapy in this state. With respect to a  
5 professional service limited liability company formed to provide  
6 marriage and family therapy services as such services are defined in  
7 article 163 of the education law, each member of such limited liability  
8 company must be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education law to  
9 practice marriage and family therapy in this state. With respect to a  
10 professional service limited liability company formed to provide mental  
11 health counseling services as such services are defined in article 163  
12 of the education law, each member of such limited liability company must  
13 be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education law to practice  
14 mental health counseling in this state. With respect to a professional  
15 service limited liability company formed to provide psychoanalysis  
16 services as such services are defined in article 163 of the education  
17 law, each member of such limited liability company must be licensed  
18 pursuant to article 163 of the education law to practice psychoanalysis  
19 in this state. WITH RESPECT TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY  
20 COMPANY FORMED TO PROVIDE NATUROPATHIC SERVICES AS SUCH SERVICES ARE  
21 DEFINED IN ARTICLE 132-A OF THE EDUCATION LAW, EACH MEMBER OF SUCH  
22 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY MUST BE LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 132-A OF  
23 THE EDUCATION LAW TO PRACTICE NATUROPATHY IN THIS STATE.

24 S 5. Subdivision (a) of section 1301 of the limited liability company  
25 law, as separately amended by chapters 420 and 676 of the laws of 2002,  
26 is amended to read as follows:

27 (a) "Foreign professional service limited liability company" means a  
28 professional service limited liability company, whether or not denomi-  
29 nated as such, organized under the laws of a jurisdiction other than  
30 this state, (i) each of whose members and managers, if any, is a profes-  
31 sional authorized by law to render a professional service within this  
32 state and who is or has been engaged in the practice of such profession  
33 in such professional service limited liability company or a predecessor  
34 entity, or will engage in the practice of such profession in the profes-  
35 sional service limited liability company within thirty days of the date  
36 such professional becomes a member, or each of whose members and manag-  
37 ers, if any, is a professional at least one of such members is author-  
38 ized by law to render a professional service within this state and who  
39 is or has been engaged in the practice of such profession in such  
40 professional service limited liability company or a predecessor entity,  
41 or will engage in the practice of such profession in the professional  
42 service limited liability company within thirty days of the date such  
43 professional becomes a member, or (ii) authorized by, or holding a  
44 license, certificate, registration or permit issued by the licensing  
45 authority pursuant to, the education law to render a professional  
46 service within this state; except that all members and managers, if any,  
47 of a foreign professional service limited liability company that  
48 provides health services in this state shall be licensed in this state.  
49 With respect to a foreign professional service limited liability company  
50 which provides veterinary services as such services are defined in arti-  
51 cle 135 of the education law, each member of such foreign professional  
52 service limited liability company shall be licensed pursuant to article  
53 135 of the education law to practice veterinary medicine. With respect  
54 to a foreign professional service limited liability company which  
55 provides medical services as such services are defined in article 131 of  
56 the education law, each member of such foreign professional service

1 limited liability company must be licensed pursuant to article 131 of  
2 the education law to practice medicine in this state. With respect to a  
3 foreign professional service limited liability company which provides  
4 dental services as such services are defined in article 133 of the  
5 education law, each member of such foreign professional service limited  
6 liability company must be licensed pursuant to article 133 of the educa-  
7 tion law to practice dentistry in this state. With respect to a foreign  
8 professional service limited liability company which provides profes-  
9 sional engineering, land surveying, architectural and/or landscape  
10 architectural services as such services are defined in article 145,  
11 article 147 and article 148 of the education law, each member of such  
12 foreign professional service limited liability company must be licensed  
13 pursuant to article 145, article 147 and/or article 148 of the education  
14 law to practice one or more of such professions in this state. With  
15 respect to a foreign professional service limited liability company  
16 which provides licensed clinical social work services as such services  
17 are defined in article 154 of the education law, each member of such  
18 foreign professional service limited liability company shall be licensed  
19 pursuant to article 154 of the education law to practice clinical social  
20 work in this state. With respect to a foreign professional service  
21 limited liability company which provides creative arts therapy services  
22 as such services are defined in article 163 of the education law, each  
23 member of such foreign professional service limited liability company  
24 must be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education law to prac-  
25 tice creative arts therapy in this state. With respect to a foreign  
26 professional service limited liability company which provides marriage  
27 and family therapy services as such services are defined in article 163  
28 of the education law, each member of such foreign professional service  
29 limited liability company must be licensed pursuant to article 163 of  
30 the education law to practice marriage and family therapy in this state.  
31 With respect to a foreign professional service limited liability company  
32 which provides mental health counseling services as such services are  
33 defined in article 163 of the education law, each member of such foreign  
34 professional service limited liability company must be licensed pursuant  
35 to article 163 of the education law to practice mental health counseling  
36 in this state. With respect to a foreign professional service limited  
37 liability company which provides psychoanalysis services as such  
38 services are defined in article 163 of the education law, each member of  
39 such foreign professional service limited liability company must be  
40 licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education law to practice  
41 psychoanalysis in this state. WITH RESPECT TO A FOREIGN PROFESSIONAL  
42 SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FORMED TO PROVIDE NATUROPATHIC  
43 SERVICES AS SUCH SERVICES ARE DEFINED IN ARTICLE 132-A OF THE EDUCATION  
44 LAW, EACH MEMBER OF SUCH LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY MUST BE LICENSED  
45 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 132-A OF THE EDUCATION LAW TO PRACTICE NATUROPATHY  
46 IN THIS STATE.

47 S 6. Subdivision (q) of section 121-1500 of the partnership law, as  
48 separately amended by chapters 420 and 676 of the laws of 2002, is  
49 amended to read as follows:

50 (q) Each partner of a registered limited liability partnership formed  
51 to provide medical services in this state must be licensed pursuant to  
52 article 131 of the education law to practice medicine in this state and  
53 each partner of a registered limited liability partnership formed to  
54 provide dental services in this state must be licensed pursuant to arti-  
55 cle 133 of the education law to practice dentistry in this state. Each  
56 partner of a registered limited liability partnership formed to provide

1 veterinary services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article  
2 135 of the education law to practice veterinary medicine in this state.  
3 Each partner of a registered limited liability partnership formed to  
4 provide professional engineering, land surveying, architectural and/or  
5 landscape architectural services in this state must be licensed pursuant  
6 to article 145, article 147 and/or article 148 of the education law to  
7 practice one or more of such professions in this state. Each partner of  
8 a registered limited liability partnership formed to provide licensed  
9 clinical social work services in this state must be licensed pursuant to  
10 article 154 of the education law to practice clinical social work in  
11 this state. Each partner of a registered limited liability partnership  
12 formed to provide creative arts therapy services in this state must be  
13 licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education law to practice crea-  
14 tive arts therapy in this state. Each partner of a registered limited  
15 liability partnership formed to provide marriage and family therapy  
16 services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the  
17 education law to practice marriage and family therapy in this state.  
18 Each partner of a registered limited liability partnership formed to  
19 provide mental health counseling services in this state must be licensed  
20 pursuant to article 163 of the education law to practice mental health  
21 counseling in this state. Each partner of a registered limited liability  
22 partnership formed to provide psychoanalysis services in this state must  
23 be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education law to practice  
24 psychoanalysis in this state. EACH PARTNER OF A REGISTERED LIMITED  
25 LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP FORMED TO PROVIDE NATUROPATHIC SERVICES IN THIS  
26 STATE MUST BE LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 132-A OF THE EDUCATION LAW TO  
27 PRACTICE NATUROPATHY IN THIS STATE.

28 S 7. Subdivision (q) of section 121-1502 of the partnership law, as  
29 amended by chapter 230 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as  
30 follows:

31 (q) Each partner of a foreign limited liability partnership which  
32 provides medical services in this state must be licensed pursuant to  
33 article 131 of the education law to practice medicine in the state and  
34 each partner of a foreign limited liability partnership which provides  
35 dental services in the state must be licensed pursuant to article 133 of  
36 the education law to practice dentistry in this state. Each partner of a  
37 foreign limited liability partnership which provides veterinary service  
38 in the state shall be licensed pursuant to article 135 of the education  
39 law to practice veterinary medicine in this state. Each partner of a  
40 foreign limited liability partnership which provides professional engi-  
41 neering, land surveying, architectural and/or landscape architectural  
42 services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 145, article  
43 147 and/or article 148 of the education law to practice one or more of  
44 such professions. Each partner of a foreign limited liability partner-  
45 ship which provides licensed clinical social work services in this state  
46 must be licensed pursuant to article 154 of the education law to prac-  
47 tice licensed clinical social work in this state. Each partner of a  
48 foreign limited liability partnership which provides creative arts ther-  
49 apy services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 163 of  
50 the education law to practice creative arts therapy in this state. Each  
51 partner of a foreign limited liability partnership which provides  
52 marriage and family therapy services in this state must be licensed  
53 pursuant to article 163 of the education law to practice marriage and  
54 family therapy in this state. Each partner of a foreign limited liabil-  
55 ity partnership which provides mental health counseling services in this  
56 state must be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the education law to

1 practice mental health counseling in this state. Each partner of a  
2 foreign limited liability partnership which provides psychoanalysis  
3 services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 163 of the  
4 education law to practice psychoanalysis in this state. EACH PARTNER OF  
5 A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP WHICH PROVIDES NATUROPATHIC  
6 SERVICES IN THIS STATE MUST BE LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 132-A OF THE  
7 EDUCATION LAW TO PRACTICE NATUROPATHY IN THIS STATE.

8 S 8. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 413 of the social  
9 services law, as separately amended by chapters 323 and 366 of the laws  
10 of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

11 (a) The following persons and officials are required to report or  
12 cause a report to be made in accordance with this title when they have  
13 reasonable cause to suspect that a child coming before them in their  
14 professional or official capacity is an abused or maltreated child, or  
15 when they have reasonable cause to suspect that a child is an abused or  
16 maltreated child where the parent, guardian, custodian or other person  
17 legally responsible for such child comes before them in their profes-  
18 sional or official capacity and states from personal knowledge facts,  
19 conditions or circumstances which, if correct, would render the child an  
20 abused or maltreated child: any physician; registered physician assist-  
21 ant; surgeon; medical examiner; coroner; dentist; dental hygienist;  
22 osteopath; optometrist; chiropractor; podiatrist; LICENSED NATUROPATH;  
23 resident; intern; psychologist; registered nurse; social worker; emer-  
24 gency medical technician; licensed creative arts therapist; licensed  
25 marriage and family therapist; licensed mental health counselor;  
26 licensed psychoanalyst; hospital personnel engaged in the admission,  
27 examination, care or treatment of persons; a Christian Science practi-  
28 tioner; school official, which includes but is not limited to school  
29 teacher, school guidance counselor, school psychologist, school social  
30 worker, school nurse, school administrator or other school personnel  
31 required to hold a teaching or administrative license or certificate;  
32 social services worker; day care center worker; school-age child care  
33 worker; provider of family or group family day care; employee or volun-  
34 teer in a residential care facility defined in subdivision four of  
35 section four hundred twelve-a of this title or any other child care or  
36 foster care worker; mental health professional; substance abuse counse-  
37 lor; alcoholism counselor; all persons credentialed by the office of  
38 alcoholism and substance abuse services; peace officer; police officer;  
39 district attorney or assistant district attorney; investigator employed  
40 in the office of a district attorney; or other law enforcement official.

41 S 9. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
42 it shall have become a law; provided however, that effective immediate-  
43 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation  
44 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are  
45 authorized and directed to be made and completed by the commissioner of  
46 education and the board of regents on or before such effective date.