

Wisconsin Consumer Access to Natural Health Choices Bill

Bill Summary

Purpose of the Bill: The bill protects consumer access to a broad range of complementary and alternative health care practitioners who are not licensed by the state of Wisconsin as conventional medical health care providers and who practice in the public domain within the parameters of the new safe harbor. The bill creates the parameters of a safe harbor for the practitioners to practice under.

Section 1 Part (1): Definitions: These are the definitions of key words that will use in the bill, many of which are already in Wisconsin Statute.

Section 1 Part (2): Exemption and Prohibited Acts: This Part creates a violation exemption from charges of “unlicensed practice” for practitioners practicing within the safe harbor, as long as practitioners avoid the listed prohibited conduct spelled out under (a) through (g).

Section 1 Part (3): Disclosure Requirements: This part creates a requirement that unlicensed practitioners charging a fee for their services must give out specific information about themselves and their practices in a disclosure to their clients, post the disclosure in their treatment location, and obtain a written acknowledgement from the client that the client received the disclosure before providing treatment.

Section 1 Part (4): Enforcement Cease and Desist: This part provides the avenue of enforcement that the state can take to enforce the parameters of the safe harbor and the acts of practitioners.

Section 1 Part (5): Does not apply to Christian Scientists. Christian Scientists already are exempt from unlicensed practice under s. 895.48 and are not required to practice under this bill.