

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 5650**

By Delegate Dean

[Introduced February 17, 2026; referred to the  
Committee on Health and Human Resources]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,  
 2 designated §30-3-21, relating to permitting the practice of naturopathic medicine; and  
 3 providing for conditions.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 3. WEST VIRGINIA MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT.**

**§30-3-21. Naturopathic medicine permitted; conditions.**

1 (a) For the purposes of this section, "naturopathic medicine" means a distinct primary  
 2 healthcare system that blends modern science with traditional, natural therapies to support the  
 3 body's intrinsic self-healing process.

4 (b) Naturopathic medicine is permitted to be practiced in this state: *Provided*, That all other  
 5 provisions of this article shall be followed by the individual practicing naturopathic medicine,  
 6 including but not limited to licensing, training, registration, and Board of Medicine oversight.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit the practice of naturopathic medicine, and providing for conditions.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.