

WHAT IS AN OHIO HEALTH FREEDOM BILL?

It is a safe harbor exemption bill, which protects the consumer's right to a free and educated choice.

The intention of our health freedom bill is to provide a "safe harbor" for those doing non-licensed healing therapies as long as they follow guidelines of the bill. It also gives the consumer freedom to choose alternative practitioners and services desired. This is an exemption bill for everyone doing no harm.

WHY WE NEED AN OHIO HEALTH FREEDOM BILL

Practitioners of unlicensed healing arts have been charged with various infringements of the law, even when no one has been harmed. With our proposed Health Freedom Bill, these practitioners will be protected from prosecution when following the Health Freedom Law.

Alternative wellness businesses have been thriving in Ohio for decades, paying sales and income taxes all along. When a business is built by reputation, that reputation must be good for the business to stay alive.

These practitioners are especially careful to not practice medicine or to harm anyone. This bill would shift the burden of proof in court so established practitioners would no longer have to fear prosecution by medical boards when no complaint has been filed by a consumer. Requiring truthful disclosure and stopping harassment of practitioners who do no harm protect the consumer's right to a free and educated choice. Laws are already in place for prosecution if harm is shown or intended.

A Quote from One of America's Founding Fathers

"Unless we put medical freedom into the Constitution, the time will come when medicine will organize into an underground dictatorship... To restrict the art of healing to one class of men and deny equal privileges to others will constitute the Bastille of medical science. All such laws are un-American and despotic and have no place in a republic... The Constitution of this republic should make special privilege for medical freedom as well as religious freedom."

--Dr. Benjamin Rush, signer of the Declaration of Independence

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Ohio Consumer Health Freedom Bill

To Protect Freedom of Speech and



Freedom of Choice

The Spirit of a Health Freedom Bill is that no one shall ever again be prosecuted who has done no harm!

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HOW A HEALTH FREEDOM BILL WORKS

Complementary or alternative health care practitioners will provide a plainly worded, written document to the client that includes all of the following:

- The nature of the service that will be provided to the client
- The degrees, training, experience, credentials, or other qualifications held
- If not licensed, a statement saying they are not licensed by the state of Ohio and that they are not a Doctor or Physician
- If they hold another license, a statement saying what licenses they hold, but that they are providing services as an unlicensed alternative health practitioner
- Any agreement or arrangement with another licensed or unlicensed practitioner where they derive a financial gain, and the benefits resulting from it

Complementary or alternative health care practitioners will provide the client with a copy of this document and the list of prohibited practices. They will retain this signed client document for at least 2 years.

LIST OF PROHIBITED PRACTICES

No complementary or alternative health care practitioner shall do any of the following:

- Knowingly provide a medical diagnosis of a disease
- Perform surgery or any procedure that punctures the skin, except for pricking a finger for screening purposes
- Perform any adjustment of the articulation of the joints or spine of any individual
- Use or recommend any procedure involving ionization radiation
- Provide diagnosis or treatment of a physical or mental health condition knowing that it would pose a recognizable

and imminent risk of significant and discernible physical or mental harm

- Knowingly counsel any individual to disregard the instruction or counsel of a licensed health care professional
- Knowingly counsel any individual to discontinue use of any dangerous drug, drug or therapeutic device prescribed by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs
- Administer or prescribe any dangerous drug except homeopathic remedies, device that requires a prescription from a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs to obtain, or medical oxygen
- Hold out, state, indicate, advertise or otherwise imply that the practitioner is licensed by the state of Ohio to practice as a licensed health care professional, unless the practitioner is licensed
- Perform or provide enteral or parenteral nutrition
- Promise a cure
- Set a fracture of a bone
- Provide or perform an abortion
- Insert intrauterine devices
- Provide complementary or alternative health care services without consent of parent or legal guardian to any person who is less than 18 years of age and is not emancipated; any person that the practitioner knows to be mentally incompetent

HOW THE PUBLIC IS PROTECTED

The listed requirements expected from alternative practitioners, along with the listed practices they are prohibited from doing, protects the public because the consumer has a free and educated choice. Practitioners are able to practice without the fear of being prosecuted, making them more available to the public. Consumers have access to the natural modalities and services they desire.

WHY WE OPPOSE LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION

- Mandating signing up with the government before performing a healing act takes it out of the public domain and puts it under a mandate of police power for no reason other than it is a healing act
- There is estimated to be over 1200 complementary and alternative modalities in practice today. Licensing every modality would require each of them to have separate boards of examiners, licensing requirements, and government inspectors.
- Freedom of Speech
- The vast majority of unlicensed practitioners offer advice, products and services, which the FDA classifies as "generally recognized as safe".
- The insurance industry provides compelling evidence of the safety of alternative health care practitioners by insuring them for mere hundreds per year, compared to tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars for licensed health care providers.
- Many home remedies fall in the realm of common sense.
- Helping someone is a natural human right. As a society we need to encourage helping responses, not declare them dangerous.
- We are accustomed to registering criminals and dangerous things. If no harm is being done, there is no reason for registration.
- Many religious groups in Ohio don't register to vote. Why would they register to follow a lifestyle that they consider a natural right? A registration requirement would create a new crime for those who don't register. We have better uses for our police force.