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RE: H1992/S1205 An Act establishing a board of registration in naturopathy
DT: 3 November 2015

Dear Honorable Chair and Members of the Joint Committee on Public Health,

Thank you for considering *H1992/S1205, An Act establishing a board of registration in naturopathy* before your committee.

This bill came to my attention via a constituent who has a practice in Rhode Island. She is unable to have an integrated practice in Massachusetts because there is no licensing authority. This bill would establish a board that would license naturopathic doctors enabling them to practice in conjunction with other physicians in this state. My constituent has described to me how licensable NDs (naturopathic doctors) attend four-year, in-residence, full-time naturopathic medical schools which are accredited by the federal Department of Education. Licensable NDs sit for national board exam, carry malpractice insurance, and are required to attain minimum continuing education training. Residents in the Commonwealth should be able to access this form of treatment.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Heroux".

Paul Heroux