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QUOTE SHEET - GOVERNOR DESANTIS VETOES NATUROPATHY LEGALIZATION BILL, KEEPS NATUROPATHY A FELONY IN THE STATE

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The Profession

Todd Robinson, ND, FABNO – President, Florida Naturopathic Physicians Association (FNPA)
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"Governor DeSantis's rationale for vetoing CS/SB 688 is confusing. As Florida law stands after this veto, all activity related to naturopathy and naturopathic medicine remains both regulated and a felony as it has been since 1959. This bill would have removed that barrier to accessing naturopathy and opened the marketplace. It's a baffling choice for a Governor who claims to support deregulation and health freedom."

Health Freedom & Advocacy

Del Bigtree, MAHA Founder and Leader

"It's crazy that with the MAHA mandate in DC, we still can't decriminalize naturopathy in Florida. Natural medicine is a basic human right. We have so much work to do."

Bailey Kuykendoll – Stand for Health Freedom (Bradenton, FL)

"Governor DeSantis has built a reputation as a champion of medical freedom, which is why this veto is so disappointing. SB 688 was about giving Floridians more healthcare options, not more government. Since 1959, we've been living with a total ban on naturopathy of all kinds. Rather than maintaining a government prohibition on qualified naturopathic doctors practicing in Florida, the bill would have allowed them to return under a transparent framework with clear credentialing standards and defined scope-of-practice limits, giving patients confidence in the

providers they choose. When the state prohibits qualified naturopathic doctors from practicing, it limits patient choice. We believe health freedom includes the freedom to choose the healthcare provider that best aligns with your needs and values, and we remain committed to advancing that principle in Florida."

Industry Support

Brian Blackburn – CEO, Xymogen (Orlando, FL)

"We believe that patients want and deserve greater access to integrative medicine. We put our effort behind this bill because we knew it would expand this kind of access for Floridians. We're saddened that Governor DeSantis has vetoed the bill this year. But we're not giving up. Floridians' right to natural, alternative, and integrative medicine is just too important to quit."

Clinics with Practitioners Eligible for Licensure

Dr. Sarah Fiedler – Acupuncture Physician eligible for licensure as an ND; owner, North Florida Naturopathic (Tallahassee, FL)

"I'm shocked and saddened that a Governor who claims to be pro-medical freedom and family choice would veto a bill to license Naturopathic Doctors in Florida. This bill was created to expand medical freedom and protect citizens of Florida. This veto will prevent safe access to doctors proficiently trained in natural therapies."

Dr. Kye Peven Xiong – Acupuncture Physician eligible for licensure as an ND; owner, Winthrop Natural Medicine (Riverview, FL)

"This veto defies all expectations of Governor DeSantis as a champion of medical freedom. This bill would have expanded access to natural and alternative medicine and health care for Floridians by making it legal again for naturopaths, traditional naturopaths, and naturopathic doctors to practice in Florida. As someone who has practiced naturopathic medicine in a licensed state, I've seen first hand how NDs can integrate effectively into the larger healthcare system to improve outcomes for patients. I was looking forward to offering this part of my medical training to my patients in Florida, but it looks like they will have to continue waiting."