



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

June 26, 2026

Secretary Cord Byrd
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Byrd:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution, I do hereby veto and transmit my objection to Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 688 (CS/SB 688), enacted during the 128th Session of the Legislature of Florida during the Regular Session of 2026 and entitled:

An act relating to Naturopathic Medicine

CS/SB 688 provides for the regulation and licensing of naturopathic medicine in Florida. The bill requires the Department of Health to establish the Board of Naturopathic Medicine to oversee naturopathic doctors and authorizes a licensure fee. The bill requires individuals to receive a license to practice from an accredited institution – all of which are out of state.

Current law allows licensed practitioners such as physicians, doctors of osteopathy, acupuncturists, and dietitians to employ naturopathic methods and recommend natural remedies.

Additionally, Floridians can already access natural remedy treatments because they do not require a prescription or U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval. If enacted, this legislation may negatively impact Floridians who currently work in alternative medicine by mandating post-graduate education that cannot be obtained in Florida and require them to pay costly licensure fees to do the work they are already performing. There is no need to create additional bureaucratic hurdles.

Florida leads the nation in advancing medical freedom and access to care. Initiatives such as Healthy Florida First empower citizens to make informed choices without creating excessive regulations. Rather than relying on additional bureaucracy, Florida will continue to pursue practical solutions that promote transparency and accountability to better serve Florida families.

For these reasons, I withhold my approval of CS/SB 688 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. DeSantis', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Ron DeSantis
Governor

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