



The Coalition for Natural Health

NEWS

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RE: Colorado House Bill 1192 – The Bill to License “Naturopathic Physicians”

Dear Friend,

To borrow from the “Munchkins” in The Wizard of Oz, “Ding Dong, the bill is DEAD!!!”

That’s correct - the Colorado House Committee on Health and Human Services unanimously postponed HB 1192 indefinitely on Monday, April 9, 2007. After a long and contentious battle over this bill, it was declared dead by the chair of the committee at approximately 3:00 pm on Monday.

Just to recap, Representative Jeanne Labuda, D-1, Denver introduced the bill at the end of January, and it was assigned to the House Committee on Health and Human Services. A few weeks later, a marathon hearing was conducted on the bill and the committee passed the bill 9-2, which was not unexpected.

The next stop for the bill was the House Committee on Appropriations where the bill was scheduled for a hearing on March 9, 2007, but there were problems with the bill and it was postponed for a week. On March 16, 2007, the bill was referred back to the Committee on Health and Human Services for more work. That’s where it died on April 9, 2007.

The turning point began over the Easter weekend when members of the committee began receiving hundreds of phone calls, letters, and emails from members of the natural health community, consumers, and other interested Coloradans. I want to take a moment to thank you for all of you for your hard work to help defeat HB 1192 . . . your efforts made the difference.

All of us here at the Coalition hope that legislation like HB 1192, which would put people like you out of business, will not be reintroduced in 2008 – but we never know! We must remain cautious and ready – just in case. If you are not a member of the Coalition, would you please consider joining by contacting our office at 1-800-586-4264?

Thanks, again, for your steadfast efforts in protecting natural health freedom.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director