



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6544

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SHARING OF GENETIC DATA BY
GENETIC TESTING COMPANIES AND THE PRACTICE OF
NATUROPATHY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) (a) As used in this
2 section:

3 (1) "Direct-to-consumer genetic testing company" means a company
4 that sells a genetic test directly to the consumer without requiring the
5 involvement of any health care provider;

6 (2) "Health carrier" means an insurance company, health care center,
7 hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, fraternal
8 benefit society or other entity that delivers, issues for delivery, renews,
9 amends or continues a health care plan in this state; and

10 (3) "Life insurance company" means a company engaged in writing
11 policies or annuities the premiums on which are charged wholly or
12 chiefly on the basis of tables purporting to represent the mortality of
13 insured lives or of annuitants.

14 (b) No direct-to-consumer genetic testing company shall share any
15 personally identifiable genetic data or other personally identifiable
16 information concerning a person with any health carrier or life

17 insurance company without the person's consent.

18 (c) Any direct-to-consumer genetic testing company that violates
19 any provision of subsection (b) of this section shall be subject to a civil
20 penalty of not more than one thousand dollars per violation.

21 Sec. 2. Section 20-34 of the general statutes is repealed and the
22 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

23 (a) The practice of naturopathy means the science, art and practice
24 of healing by natural methods as recognized by the Council of
25 Naturopathic Medical Education and that comprises diagnosis,
26 prevention and treatment of disease and health optimization by
27 stimulation and support of the body's natural healing processes, as
28 approved by the State Board of Naturopathic Examiners, with the
29 consent of the Commissioner of Public Health, and shall include: (1)
30 [counseling] Counseling; (2) the practice of (A) the [mechanical and
31 material] physical sciences of healing as follows: [The mechanical
32 sciences such as mechanotherapy, articular] Articular manipulation,
33 [corrective and orthopedic gymnastics,] physiotherapy, hydrotherapy,
34 electrotherapy and phototherapy; [and the material] (B) the sciences,
35 [such as] including, but not limited to, nutrition, dietetics,
36 phytotherapy, treatment by natural substances and external
37 applications; (3) ordering diagnostic tests and other diagnostic
38 procedures as such tests and procedures relate to the practice of
39 [mechanical and material] physical sciences of healing as described in
40 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of this subsection; (4) ordering
41 medical devices and durable medical equipment; and (5) removing ear
42 wax, spirometry, tuberculosis testing; and (C) venipuncture for blood
43 testing.

44 (b) (1) For purposes of subsection (a) of this section, "natural
45 substances" means substances that (A) are not narcotic substances, as
46 defined in subdivision (30) of section 21a-240, (B) do not require the
47 written or oral prescription of a licensed practitioner to be dispensed,
48 and (C) are only administered orally.

49 (2) The Department of Public Health, in consultation with the State
50 Board of Naturopathic Examiners established pursuant to section 20-
51 35, may (A) establish educational and examination requirements or
52 other qualifications to permit a naturopathic physician to prescribe,
53 dispense and administer prescription medicines, except any opioid
54 drugs, as defined in section 20-14o, consistent with his or her scope of
55 practice, and (B) establish a naturopathic formulary of prescription
56 medicines, which shall not include any opioid drugs, as defined in said
57 section, that a naturopathic physician who meets such educational and
58 examination requirements or other qualifications may use consistent
59 with his or her practice and training. At least triennially, the
60 Department of Public Health, in consultation with the State Board of
61 Naturopathic Examiners, shall update any naturopathic formulary of
62 prescription medicines established under this subdivision.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2019	20-34

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*