

Ballot Title Setting Board

Proposed Initiative 2007-2008 #85¹

The title as designated and fixed by the Board is as follows:

An amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning the right of alternative and complementary health care practitioners to practice in Colorado legally and free of governmental oversight if such practice complies with minimum standards, and, in connection therewith, defining "alternative and complementary health care practitioners" to mean those persons practicing normal and natural healing acts which support and stimulate a person's inherent self-healing process and which do not involve surgeries, puncturing of the skin, prescribing legend drugs, or chiropractic adjustments; providing examples of alternative and complementary health care as including lifestyle counseling, nutrition, and other natural forms of healing; requiring an alternative and complementary health care practitioner to make certain disclosures to a new or prospective client before commencing any treatment and to obtain written acknowledgment of receipt of the disclosures from the new or prospective client; forbidding alternative and complementary health care practitioners from holding themselves out as being licensed, certified, or registered by the state; prohibiting alternative and complementary health care practitioners from treating a health condition of an individual that subjects the individual to a foreseeable risk of significant mental or physical injury; and specifying that nothing in the constitutional amendment shall be construed to curtail, infringe upon, or otherwise affect health care professions currently regulated by the state.

The ballot title and submission clause as designated and fixed by the Board is as follows:

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning the right of alternative and complementary health care practitioners to practice in Colorado legally and free of governmental oversight if such practice complies with minimum standards, and, in connection therewith, defining "alternative and complementary health care practitioners" to mean those persons practicing normal and natural healing acts which support and stimulate a person's inherent self-healing process and which do not involve surgeries, puncturing of the skin, prescribing legend drugs, or chiropractic adjustments; providing examples of alternative and complementary health care as including lifestyle counseling, nutrition, and other natural forms of healing; requiring an alternative and complementary health care practitioner to make certain disclosures to a new or prospective client before commencing any treatment and to obtain written acknowledgment of receipt of the disclosures from the new or prospective client; forbidding alternative and complementary health care practitioners from holding themselves out as being licensed, certified, or registered by the state; prohibiting alternative and complementary health care practitioners from treating a health condition of an individual that subjects the individual to a foreseeable risk of significant mental or physical injury; and specifying that nothing in the constitutional amendment shall be construed to curtail, infringe upon, or otherwise affect health care professions currently regulated by the state?

¹ Unofficially captioned "**Consumer Protection – Complementary and Alternative Health Care**" by legislative staff for tracking purposes. Such caption is not part of the titles set by the Board.

Hearing April 16, 2008:

At the request of proponents, technical corrections allowed in text of measure. (In Section 32, subsection (1)(b), last line, changed “BODIES” to “BODY’S”; in subsection (1)(c), fourth line, changed “STATUTE” to “STATUTE”; in subsection (1)(c), last line, changed “106.(b)” to “106(1)(b)”; in subsection (2)(a), fourth line, changed “CHIROPRACTICE” to “CHIROPRACTIC”; in subsection (2)(a), eighth line, changed “STATUE” to “STATUTES” and subsection (2)(c), fourth line, changed “STATUES” to “STATUTES”.)

Single subject approved; staff draft amended; titles set.

Hearing adjourned 4:50 p.m.

May 5, 2008:

Results corrected by Secretary of State to reflect accurately the action of the Board on April 16, 2008 (third line of results should read “changed ‘STATUE’ to ‘STATUTE’”).