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DIVISION 2. HEALING ARTS [500 - 4999.129] (Division 2 enacted by Stats. 1937, Ch. 399.) CHAPTER 8.2. Naturopathic Doctors Act [3610 - 3686] (Chapter 8.2 added by Stats. 2003, Ch. 485, Sec. 5.)

ARTICLE 7. Naturopathic Corporations [3670 - 3675] (Article 7 added by Stats. 2003, Ch. 485, Sec. 5.)

3670. A naturopathic corporation is a corporation that is authorized to render professional services, as defined in Section 13401 of the Corporations Code, if the corporation and its shareholders, officers, directors, and employees rendering professional services who are naturopathic doctors are in compliance with the Moscone-Knox Professional Corporation Act (Part 4 (commencing with Section 13400) of Division 3 of Title 1 of the Corporations Code), this chapter, and all other statutes and regulations now or hereafter enacted or adopted pertaining to that corporation and the conduct of its affairs. With respect to a naturopathic corporation, the governmental agency referred to in the Moscone-Knox Professional Corporation Act is the board.

(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 497, Sec. 49. (SB 1526) Effective January 1, 2025. Repealed as of January 1, 2027, pursuant to Section 3686.)

3671. A naturopathic corporation shall not engage in any conduct that constitutes unprofessional conduct. In the conduct of its practice, the naturopathic corporation shall comply with statutes and regulations to the same extent as an individual holding a license under this chapter.

(Added by Stats. 2003, Ch. 485, Sec. 5. Effective January 1, 2004. Repealed as of January 1, 2027, pursuant to Section 3686.)

3672. The income of a naturopathic corporation attributable to professional services rendered while a shareholder is a disqualified person, as defined in Section 13401 of the Corporations Code, shall not in any manner accrue to the benefit of the shareholder or their shares in the naturopathic corporation.

(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 497, Sec. 50. (SB 1526) Effective January 1, 2025. Repealed as of January 1, 2027, pursuant to Section 3686.)

3673. Except as provided in Section 13403 of the Corporations Code, each director, shareholder, and officer of a naturopathic corporation, except an assistant secretary and an assistant treasurer, shall be a licensed person as defined by Section 13401 of the Corporations Code.

(Added by Stats. 2003, Ch. 485, Sec. 5. Effective January 1, 2004. Repealed as of January 1, 2027, pursuant to Section 3686.)

3674. The name of a naturopathic corporation and any name or names under which it may render professional services, shall contain the words "naturopathic" or "naturopathic doctor" and, as appropriate, wording or abbreviations denoting its status as a corporation.

(Added by Stats. 2003, Ch. 485, Sec. 5. Effective January 1, 2004. Repealed as of January 1, 2027, pursuant to Section 3686.)

- 3675. The board may adopt and enforce regulations to carry out the purposes and objectives of this article, including, but not limited to, regulations requiring the following:
- (a) That the bylaws of a naturopathic corporation include a provision whereby the capital stock of the corporation owned by a disqualified person, as defined in Section 13401 of the Corporations Code, or a deceased person, shall be sold to the corporation or to the remaining shareholders of the corporation within any time as the regulations may provide.
- (b) That a naturopathic corporation shall provide adequate security by insurance or otherwise for claims against it by its patients arising out of the rendering of professional services.

(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 497, Sec. 51. (SB 1526) Effective January 1, 2025. Repealed as of January 1, 2027, pursuant to Section 3686.)