

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

INTRODUCED BY HANNAH

IN THE HOUSE

JANUARY 27, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.
JANUARY 28, 1989	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 7, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 8, 1989	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 11, 1989	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
FEBRUARY 13, 1989	ENGROSSING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 14, 1989	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 90; NOES, 7.
	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 15, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.
	FIRST READING.
MARCH 17, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 18, 1989	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 21, 1989	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 48; NOES, 1.
	RETURNED TO HOUSE.

MARCH 22, 1989

IN THE HOUSE

RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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6 LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE NEED AND
7 FEASIBILITY OF AN UMBRELLA BOARD TO LICENSE ALTERNATIVE
8 HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS; AND REQUIRING A REPORT OF THE STUDY'S
9 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE 52ND LEGISLATURE.

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11 WHEREAS, under the provisions of section 2-8-203, MCA,
12 the Legislative Audit Committee is charged with the
13 responsibility to review and assess the merits of any
14 proposal to establish a new occupational licensing board;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, certain health care professionals, such as
17 acupuncturists, naturopaths, rolfers, massage therapists,
18 and midwives, are not subject to professional regulation to
19 assure their fitness to prescribe or administer to the needs
20 of the public; and

21 WHEREAS, practitioners of certain health care
22 professions may choose to subject themselves to regulation.

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24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
25 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

1 That the Legislative Audit Committee conduct a study,
2 as provided in section 2-8-203, MCA, to determine:

3 (1) the necessity and feasibility of an umbrella board
4 to license and regulate alternative health care providers,
5 such as acupuncturists, naturopaths, rolfers, massage
6 therapists, and midwives;

7 (2) whether similar licensing and regulatory boards
8 for alternative health care providers exist in other states
9 and, if so, the experience of those boards; and

10 (3) whether alternative health care providers in
11 Montana need and want professional licensing and regulation.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in addition to complying
13 with the provisions and deadlines of section 2-8-203, MCA,
14 in conducting the study requested under this resolution, the
15 Legislative Audit Committee expedite the completion of the
16 study to assure that any legislation found to be desirable
17 or necessary will be drafted in time for presentation to the
18 52nd Legislature.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Audit
20 Committee, regardless of whether it determines that
21 legislation to establish licensing and regulation for
22 alternative health care professionals is desirable or
23 necessary, report the findings and recommendations of its
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(2) whether ~~similar-licensing--and--regulatory--boards~~ for REGULATION OR CONTROL OF alternative health care providers ~~exist~~ EXISTS in other states and, if so, the experience of those boards STATES; and

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