

LD#364



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A request for consideration to enact LD 364: An Act To Establish the Right To Practice Complementary and Alternative Health Care Act

This bill establishes the Right To Practice Complementary and Alternative Health Care Act. The bill provides that a person providing alternative or complementary health care services who is not licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32 may provide health care services as long as the person does not perform surgery, prescribe medications, drugs or devices that require a prescription, perform chiropractic manipulation or falsely state that the person is a licensed health care professional. The person providing services must disclose certain information to the person receiving services and must collect and retain a signed statement granting permission to provide services.

TO: Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services,

After reading the LD#364, I understand it to be a common-sense approach to legislating or managing holistic health practitioners. It will focus on the restriction of practicing as to not cause harm or provide services not qualified for. This bill will require focus on transparency to clients regarding qualifications, training and practice.

American Bowen Academy is a professional organization that holds high standards for its practitioners. We have every client fill out a form and sign a waiver to receive this service. Although this is not a required process of seeing a client, I find that LD# 364 will support the process of protecting both the client and the practitioner. This will provide consistency across the board with all those practicing holistically.

I thank the Maine State Legislature for taking careful consideration before enacting LD#364.

Sincerely,
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