

## **Your RIGHT to Natural Health Care is THREATENED!**

The definition of Practicing Medicine is so broad that everyone is at risk! Current Michigan law: 333.17001(d) states: "Practice of medicine" means the diagnosis, treatment, prevention, cure or relieving of human disease, ailment, defect, complaint, or other physical or mental condition, by attendance, advice, device, diagnostic test, or other means, or offering, undertaking, attempting to do, or holding oneself out as able to do, any of these acts."

If you do not have a license to practice medicine in Michigan, or a special exemption, you could be arrested for giving any kind of help to anyone. While not routinely enforced, this law has been used to prosecute alternative/complementary care practitioners even when no harm has been done. Those prosecuted could be subjected to aggressive raids, heavy fines, criminal charges and possible jail time. This recently happened to Rebecca Rogers, a naturopathic doctor who had caused no harm and it could happen to many others.

This antiquated law affects your right to access alternative/complementary health care. It also implies that practitioners of unlicensed therapies - including massage therapy, homeopathy, naturopathy, herbalism, ayurveda, Reiki, native or other indigenous forms of healing and even yoga could be prosecuted at any time.

**Unless Something Is Done,  
Your Choice To Use  
Alternative/Complementary  
Health Care  
Is At Risk**

## **THE SOLUTION**

Last year landmark legislation was signed into law in Minnesota that remedies this situation. Now called the Minnesota model, this legislation provides an exemption to the Medical Practice Act so that unlicensed healers are able to operate openly and freely without the need of a license - as long as they do not engage in certain potentially dangerous medical activities or claim to be licensed medical doctors.

This legislation was passed overwhelmingly in Minnesota and similar legislative models are in process in New York, California, Rhode Island and other states.

It is the purpose of the MNHC to educate the citizens of Michigan regarding the laws appropriate for Michigan that guarantees the rights of all Michigan citizens to freely access or practice alternative/complementary health care without unnecessary government restrictions.

A lobbying organization is also planned that will draft and pass the necessary legislation similar to the Minnesota model appropriate for Michigan.

**Help Us Take Action  
To Protect  
Your Health Freedom  
Rights**

## **Take Action Now! What You Can Do To Help!**

- Become a member
- Make a donation
- Attend our meetings and rallies
- Inform everyone about this important issue and encourage them to join.



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## Consumers & Professionals Together

We encourage practitioners to provide services that consumers desire and deem beneficial for their healing journeys in an authentic manner, causing no harm and giving full disclosure of the practitioners training and qualifications and of the services offered.

Health care practitioners need the freedom to develop and practice their trades and professions to their fullest potential, free from unfair or unreasonable restrictions, discrimination, or harassment.

MNHC welcomes help from both consumers and professionals to preserve the freedom and integrity of our natural & holistic health care system. As we work together to guarantee our health care rights, everyone will benefit.

**Your Health Care  
Freedom  
Is A Right  
That Must Be  
Preserved**

**The Actions  
of many are  
needed ...**



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