

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1007

Introduced by: Representatives Peterson (Bill), Fischer-Clemens, and Hunt and Senators  
Everist and Lange

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requiring an interim legislative study of nontraditional  
2 medicine.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 WHEREAS, a growing number of South Dakotans are turning to nontraditional medical  
5 therapies for their primary or complimentary health care; and

6 WHEREAS, there is a growing interest in nontraditional medical therapies by licensed  
7 medical practitioners as a compliment to traditional therapy; and

8 WHEREAS, the education, training, and experience of such nontraditional providers varies  
9 greatly; and

10 WHEREAS, South Dakotans have a right to an informed choice when choosing  
11 nontraditional medical therapies; and

12 WHEREAS, nontraditional medical therapies can be subject to abuse, fraud, and quackery:

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-  
14 second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the  
15 Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council shall conduct an interim study of the

1 licensure of nontraditional medicine to include such methods of alternative medicine as  
2 naturopathy, homeopathy, reflexology, acupuncture, and massage, vitamin, and herbal remedies.  
3 The study shall examine the licensure of certain practitioners of nontraditional medicine to be  
4 governed by a board composed of physicians, nontraditional practitioners, other health care  
5 providers, and lay people in order to provide the public a method to identify qualified  
6 practitioners of nontraditional medicine and to facilitate the imposition of penalties for the  
7 unlicensed practice of nontraditional medical therapies.