

NEWS RELEASE

Action Needed From CAM Practitioners & Constituents In Texas

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The Complementary and Alternative Health Care Services Bill (House Bill 1716/Senate Bill 1084) is a brand-new bill, just filed last month in the State legislature. It recognizes the safety of complementary-and-alternative modalities and will protect the natural health-care industry from the rampages of arbitrary and mindless medical bureaucrats, and with it also protect your access to that industry.

The National Health Federation (NHF) is actively working to pass this Bill so that your freedom of choice and health rights can be protected. (The full text of the Bill is not available at this time due to continued text changes, but you may view the current version here: ([HB 1716/SB 1084](#).)

This Bill will:

- Empower Texas consumers by ensuring access to alternative natural care.
- Help preserve thousands of entrepreneurial Texas CAM businesses.
- Explicitly recognize and respect the rights and privileges of licensed health-care practitioners.
- Clarify that a person providing complementary and alternative health-care services would not be practicing medicine as defined in Subtitle B of the Occupations Code. This would protect him or her from persecution by the State Medical Board.

The Forces Behind the Bill

The National Health Federation, the Texas Health Freedom Coalition, the Sunshine Health Freedom Foundation, and the courageous alternative health practitioner, Michele O'Donnell, are working for the health-freedom rights of all alternative practitioners in Texas and for those Texans who want to keep these natural health services available via this legislation.

Where This Bill Stands Now

As of April 15, 2011, both HB 1716 (Rep. John Garza author) and SB 1084 (Sen. Jeff Wentworth author) have been filed. HB 1716 is in line for a hearing before the House Public Health Committee soon.

If you are a constituent of the Texas Senate Committee members, let them know you are in their district and that you support this legislation. If you have an alternative health-care practice, let them know and how adversely it will affect your business if this legislation is not passed.

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NHF hopes for successful passage and more freedom for the Texas populace concerning their health issues. Please forward this News Release on to everyone on your e-mail list right now so that they may take action as well. If enough people act, we will win.

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