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March 23, 2017

The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 577, an Act relating to exemptions from disciplinary action for persons licensed to practice health-related professions based on their treatment of lyme disease or other tick-borne diseases, and including effective date provisions.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry E. Branstad".

Terry E. Branstad
Governor

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



House File 577

AN ACT

RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR PERSONS LICENSED TO PRACTICE HEALTH-RELATED PROFESSIONS BASED ON THEIR TREATMENT OF LYME DISEASE OR OTHER TICK-BORNE DISEASES, AND INCLUDING EFFECTIVE DATE PROVISIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 147.56 Lyme disease treatment — exemption from discipline.

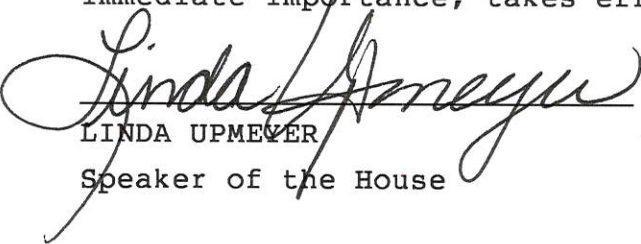
A person licensed by a board under this subtitle shall not be subject to discipline under this chapter or the board's enabling statute based solely on the licensee's recommendation or provision of a treatment method for Lyme disease or other tick-borne disease if the recommendation or provision of such treatment meets all the following criteria:

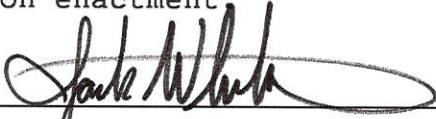
1. The treatment is provided after an examination is performed and informed consent is received from the patient.
2. The licensee identifies a medical reason for recommending or providing the treatment.
3. The treatment is provided after the licensee informs the patient about other recognized treatment options and describes to the patient the licensee's education, experience, and credentials regarding the treatment of Lyme disease or other tick-borne disease.
4. The licensee uses the licensee's own medical judgment based on a thorough review of all available clinical information and Lyme disease or other tick-borne disease

literature to determine the best course of treatment for the individual patient.

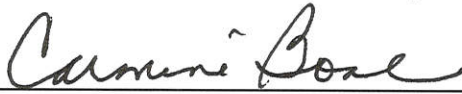
5. The treatment will not, in the opinion of the licensee, result in the direct and proximate death of or serious bodily injury to the patient.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment



LINDA UPMEYER
Speaker of the House


JACK WHITVER
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 577, Eighty-seventh General Assembly.


CARMINE BOAL
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved March 23, 2017


TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor