

Article - Health Occupations

TITLE 1A. ACUPUNCTURISTS

SUBTITLE 1: DEFINITIONS; GENERAL PROVISIONS

1A-101.

(A) IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "ACUPUNCTURE" MEANS A FORM OF HEALTH CARE, BASED ON A THEORY OF ENERGETIC PHYSIOLOGY, THAT DESCRIBES THE INTERRELATIONSHIP OF THE BODY ORGANS OR FUNCTIONS WITH AN ASSOCIATED POINT OR COMBINATION OF POINTS.

(C) "BOARD" MEANS THE STATE ACUPUNCTURE BOARD.

(D) "LICENSE" MEANS, UNLESS THE CONTEXT REQUIRES OTHERWISE, A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD TO PRACTICE ACUPUNCTURE.

(E) (1) "PRACTICE ACUPUNCTURE" MEANS THE USE OF ORIENTAL MEDICAL THERAPIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF NORMALIZING ENERGETIC PHYSIOLOGICAL FUNCTIONS INCLUDING PAIN CONTROL, AND FOR THE PROMOTION, MAINTENANCE, AND RESTORATION OF HEALTH.

(2) "PRACTICE ACUPUNCTURE" INCLUDES:

(I) STIMULATION OF POINTS OF THE BODY BY THE INSERTION OF ACUPUNCTURE NEEDLES;

(II) THE APPLICATION OF MOXIBUSTION; AND

(III) MANUAL, MECHANICAL, THERMAL, OR ELECTRICAL THERAPIES ONLY WHEN PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF ORIENTAL ACUPUNCTURE MEDICAL THEORIES.

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(A) THIS TITLE DOES NOT LIMIT THE RIGHT OF AN INDIVIDUAL TO PRACTICE A HEALTH OCCUPATION THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

(B) THIS TITLE DOES NOT LIMIT THE RIGHT OF A PHYSICIAN AUTHORIZED UNDER TITLE 14 OF THIS ARTICLE TO PERFORM ACUPUNCTURE AS IT IS DEFINED IN THAT TITLE.

(C) THIS TITLE DOES NOT LIMIT A DENTIST LICENSED UNDER TITLE 4 OF THIS ARTICLE WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM ACUPUNCTURE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY.

(D) THIS TITLE DOES NOT LIMIT A VETERINARIAN LICENSED UNDER THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE WHO PERFORMS ACUPUNCTURE ON ANIMALS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE.