

CHAPTER 317

(House Bill 1270)

AN ACT concerning

State Acupuncture Board - Auricular Detoxification

FOR the purpose of allowing ~~an individual who is~~ certain individuals who are licensed or certified to practice a certain health occupation ~~occupations~~ in the State to provide auricular detoxification under certain supervision by an acupuncturist licensed by the State Acupuncture Board; providing for the qualifications and training of the individual; exempting the individual from obtaining a license to practice acupuncture in the State; providing for the settings where an individual may provide auricular detoxification; authorizing the State Acupuncture Board to adopt certain regulations; providing for certain disciplinary procedures; defining certain terms; requiring the State Acupuncture Board to prepare a certain evaluation and submit a certain report on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to acupuncture.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations
Section 1A-101 and 1A-301
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations
Section 1A-316
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health Occupations

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) "AURICULAR DETOXIFICATION" MEANS AN ACUPUNCTURE TECHNIQUE INVOLVING THE NEEDLING OF THE EXTERNAL AURICLE OF THE HUMAN EAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING IN THE REMOVAL OF TOXIC OR A PERSON WHO IS UNDERGOING DETOXIFICATION TO REMOVE ADDICTIVE SUBSTANCES FROM THE BODY AND RESTORING HEALTH.