

Senate Bill 780

Sponsored by Senator ATKINSON; Senators HASS, THOMSEN, Representatives BAILEY, GREENLICK

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Modifies definition of "acupuncture" to include insertion of solid needle into body to treat disorder.

Limits ability of other health care practitioners to practice other therapy that is within definition of "acupuncture."

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to acupuncture; amending ORS 677.757 and 677.761.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 677.757 is amended to read:

5 677.757. As used in ORS 677.757 to 677.770:

6 (1)(a) "Acupuncture" means [*an Oriental*] **a** health care practice used to promote health and to
7 treat neurological, organic or functional disorders by the stimulation of [*specific*] points **in and on**
8 [*the surface of*] the body by the insertion of needles.

9 (b) "Acupuncture" includes:

10 (A) **Any insertion of a solid needle into the body to promote health or treat a disorder;**

11 (B) The treatment method of moxibustion[, *as well as*];

12 (C) The use of electrical, thermal, mechanical or magnetic devices, with or without needles, to
13 stimulate acupuncture points and acupuncture meridians and to induce acupuncture anesthesia or
14 analgesia[.]; **and**

15 [*(b) The practice of acupuncture also includes*]

16 (D) The following modalities as authorized by the Oregon Medical Board:

17 [(A)] (i) Traditional and modern techniques of diagnosis and evaluation;

18 [(B)] (ii) Oriental massage, exercise and related therapeutic methods; and

19 [(C)] (iii) The use of Oriental pharmacopoeia, vitamins, minerals and dietary advice.

20 (2) "Oriental pharmacopoeia" means a list of herbs described in traditional Oriental texts com-
21 monly used in accredited schools of Oriental medicine if the texts are approved by the Oregon
22 Medical Board.

23 **SECTION 2.** ORS 677.761 is amended to read:

24 677.761. Nothing in ORS 677.757 to 677.770 is intended to:

25 (1) Prevent, limit or interfere with an individual licensed or certified by the Oregon Medical
26 Board from practicing health care other than acupuncture within the scope of the license or certifi-
27 cation of the individual.

28 (2) Limit any other licensed or certified health care practitioner from practicing acupressure
29 [*or other therapy*] within the scope of the license or certification of the individual.

30 (3) Limit the activities of any person who engages in the business of providing Oriental massage,

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 exercise and related therapeutic methods or who provides substances listed in an Oriental
2 pharmacopoeia, or vitamins or minerals or dietary advice, so long as the activities of the person are
3 not otherwise prohibited by law.

4 (4) Limit the ability of practitioners from outside Oregon to demonstrate the practice of
5 acupuncture as part of a recognized and limited duration educational program, lecture or event
6 within this state under rules adopted by the board.

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