

I am opposed to this bill. It seems to me to be a proprietary bill that wants to restrict and add government regulations on new and innovative approaches that standard therapy doesn't include. I went to many therapists for help with my depression and bulimia and it wasn't until I discovered an alternative approach that combined, body therapy, energy medicine, meditation and emotional release work did I find the answers I needed. The standard therapy couldn't even come close. I am now a practitioner of this approach and spent 10 years studying to become qualified under the standards that the non-profit organization holds for its teachers. We have our own guild and accrediting body and we have a board of directors. We have never been sued, but I believe that our rights from government overreach should be protected as citizens as much as criminals and if we must be policed and restricted by government without being found guilty of a crime it seems this is a constitutional issue. If this bill is to reduce fraud and malpractice, these are crimes and are already illegal and can be policed without requiring government interference in well regulated practices. Please do not give in to a lobby of special interests and consider the people like me who without access to alternative and complimentary therapies would not have healed. If you apply this to us, then you also need to apply this to other therapists accredited by their own associations as we are.