

In my opinion it does not make any sense to include in Bill 2493 alternative practitioners who are already certified through a rigorous program, held to high standards, and who are regularly recertified in their field. Healing Touch Practitioners are such a group of professionals. The training program has five levels of proficiency that need to be achieved in order for a practitioner to be certified. Each level contains both study materials and practice. Also, after they are certified, Healing Touch Practitioners are required to constantly update their knowledge and the organization provides courses, lists of books, and discussions to support its professionals. The practitioners are also subjected to a rigorous recertification process every five years. The practitioners have to follow a comprehensive code of ethics in order to be able to practice. Also, in many places Healing Touch Practitioners are used in hospitals and rehab centers to help in post-procedure recovery and pain management, being recognized by doctors and nurses as important members of the team providing patient care. Considering all the above, I believe that the intent of this bill is already achieved by the Healing Touch Program and no further regulation is necessary.

Thank you!

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