

House Bill 2143

Sponsored by Representative NOSSE (Presession filed.)

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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act says what the "five-needle protocol" is and who can perform it. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.7).

Defines "five-needle protocol." Allows an individual with required training to provide the five-needle protocol and exempts the individual from the requirement to obtain a license to practice acupuncture.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to five-needle protocol; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 677.761.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "five-needle protocol" means the standardized**
5 **five-needle treatment protocol in which five points on the human outer ear are stimulated**
6 **with sterile and disposable needles, ear seeds or ear beads for the purpose of achieving**
7 **temporary relief from the symptoms of substance use disorder, mental health conditions or**
8 **trauma. The five points are the shen men, sympathetic, liver, kidney and lung points.**

9 **(2) An individual may provide the five-needle protocol if the individual has successfully**
10 **completed five-needle protocol training, and obtained any available certification or other**
11 **proof of training completion, through the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association,**
12 **or its successor organization, or the People's Organization of Community Acupuncture, or**
13 **its successor organization.**

14 **(3) An individual who provides the five-needle protocol shall use only objectively safe**
15 **practices and sterile materials.**

16 **(4) Unless the individual is an acupuncturist licensed under ORS 677.757 to 677.770, the**
17 **individual may not hold themselves out as being an acupuncturist or otherwise indicate that**
18 **the individual is authorized to practice acupuncture, as defined in ORS 677.757.**

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

20 677.761. Nothing in ORS 677.757 to 677.770 is intended to:

21 (1) Prevent, limit or interfere with an individual licensed or certified by the Oregon Medical
22 Board from practicing health care other than acupuncture within the scope of the license or certi-
23 fication of the individual.

24 (2) Limit any other licensed or certified health care practitioner from practicing acupressure or
25 other therapy within the scope of the license or certification of the individual.

26 (3) Limit the activities of any person who engages in the business of providing Oriental massage,
27 exercise and related therapeutic methods or who provides substances listed in an Oriental
28 pharmacopoeia, or vitamins or minerals or dietary advice, so long as the activities of the person are
29 not otherwise prohibited by law.

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

4 (5) **Prevent, limit or interfere with the provision of the five-needle protocol, as defined**
5 **in section 1 of this 2025 Act, in compliance with the requirements of section 1 of this 2025**
6 **Act.**

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