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It makes zero sense for a physical therapist's scope of work to include an insertion of needles into the body when it historically has never been the case, nor is it reflected in their education. Acupuncturists do this, not physical therapists. Acupuncturists dedicate over 4 years of didactic and clinical studies to practicing and understanding the complex mechanism and holism behind inserting a stainless steel needle inside of an electrical body. If a physical therapist wants to insert needles into the body, they should need to earn a degree and get licensed as an acupuncturist. Opposing this bill not only protects the field of acupuncture, but it also protects the patient from any risk of a physical therapist inserting needles into places you don't want a needle such as the pleural cavity which can cause pneumothorax.