



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB2452

Introduced 2/7/2025, by Sen. Emil Jones, III

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 2/10

Amends the Acupuncture Practice Act. Provides that "acupuncture" also includes ordering laboratory tests in accordance with State law to check, track, evaluate, and monitor the status and effectiveness of pain management, herbal medicinal plans, dietary and exercise plans, and orders as may be provided to the patient from a physician licensed under the Medical Practice Act. Removes the provision that states that an acupuncturist licensed under the Act who is not also licensed as a physical therapist under the Illinois Physical Therapy Act shall not hold himself or herself out as being qualified to provide physical therapy or physiotherapy services.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Acupuncture Practice Act is amended by
5 changing Section 10 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 2/10)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

8 Sec. 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

9 "Acupuncture" means evaluation or treatment that is
10 effected by stimulating certain body points by the insertion
11 of pre-sterilized, single-use, disposable needles, unless
12 medically contraindicated. "Acupuncture" includes, but is not
13 limited to, stimulation that may be effected by the
14 application of heat, including far infrared, or cold,
15 electricity, electro or magnetic stimulation, cold laser,
16 vibration, cupping, gua sha, manual pressure, or other
17 methods, with or without the concurrent use of needles, to
18 prevent or modify the perception of pain, to normalize
19 physiological functions, or for the treatment of diseases or
20 dysfunctions of the body and includes the determination of a
21 care regimen or treatment protocol according to traditional
22 East Asian principles and activities referenced in Section 15
23 of this Act for which a written referral is not required. In

1 accordance with this Section, the practice known as dry
2 needling or intramuscular manual stimulation, or similar
3 wording intended to describe such practice, is determined to
4 be within the definition, scope, and practice of acupuncture.
5 Acupuncture also includes evaluation or treatment in
6 accordance with traditional and modern practices of East Asian
7 medical theory, including, but not limited to, moxibustion,
8 herbal medicinals, natural or dietary supplements, manual
9 methods, exercise, and diet to prevent or modify the
10 perception of pain, to normalize physiological functions, or
11 for the treatment of diseases or dysfunctions of the body and
12 includes activities referenced in Section 15 of this Act for
13 which a written referral is not required. Acupuncture also
14 includes ordering laboratory tests in accordance with State
15 law to check, track, evaluate, and monitor the status and
16 effectiveness of pain management, herbal medicinal plans,
17 dietary and exercise plans, and orders as may be provided to
18 the patient from a physician licensed under the Medical
19 Practice Act. Acupuncture does not include radiology,
20 electrosurgery, chiropractic technique, ~~physical therapy,~~
21 naprapathic technique, use or prescribing of any
22 pharmaceuticals, or vaccines, or determination of a
23 differential diagnosis. ~~An acupuncturist licensed under this~~
24 ~~Act who is not also licensed as a physical therapist under the~~
25 ~~Illinois Physical Therapy Act shall not hold himself or~~
26 ~~herself out as being qualified to provide physical therapy or~~

1 ~~physiotherapy services.~~

2 "Acupuncturist" means a person who practices acupuncture
3 in all its forms, including traditional and modern practices
4 in both teachings and delivery, and who is licensed by the
5 Department. An acupuncturist shall refer to a licensed
6 physician or dentist any patient whose condition should, at
7 the time of evaluation or treatment, be determined to be
8 beyond the scope of practice of the acupuncturist.

9 "Address of record" means the designated address recorded
10 by the Department in the applicant's or licensee's application
11 file or license file as maintained by the Department's
12 licensure maintenance unit.

13 "Board" means the Board of Acupuncture appointed by the
14 Secretary.

15 "Dentist" means a person licensed under the Illinois
16 Dental Practice Act.

17 "Department" means the Department of Financial and
18 Professional Regulation.

19 "Email address of record" means the designated email
20 address recorded by the Department in the applicant's
21 application file or the licensee's license file as maintained
22 by the Department's licensure maintenance unit.

23 "Physician" means a person licensed under the Medical
24 Practice Act of 1987.

25 "Referral by written order" for purposes of this Act means
26 a diagnosis, substantiated by signature of a physician or

1 dentist, identifying a patient's condition and recommending
2 treatment by acupuncture as defined in this Act. The diagnosis
3 shall remain in effect until changed by the physician or
4 dentist who may, through express direction in the referral,
5 maintain management of the patient.

6 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and
7 Professional Regulation.

8 "State" includes:

9 (1) the states of the United States of America;

10 (2) the District of Columbia; and

11 (3) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

12 (Source: P.A. 100-375, eff. 8-25-17.)