



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB3344

Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Theresa Mah

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7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)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