



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB4487

Introduced 1/17/2024, by Rep. Hoan Huynh

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 2/95 new

Amends the Acupuncture Practice Act. Provides that none of the provisions of the Act shall prevent an unlicensed person from engaging in a standardized 5-needle protocol if the person satisfies specified conditions. Provides that the treatment utilizing the 5-needle protocol shall be limited to the insertion of disposable, sterile acupuncture needles into the ear and only in compliance with the 5-needle protocol. Provides that the application or insertion of needles anywhere else on the body of another person by a person shall be considered engaging in the practice of acupuncture without a license.

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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 adding Section 95 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 2/95 new)

7 Sec. 95. Exemption for practice of the 5-needle protocol.

8 (a) As used in this Section, "5-needle protocol" means a
9 procedure where 5 needles are inserted into the external human
10 ear to provide relief from the effects of behavioral health
11 conditions.

12 (b) None of the provisions of this Act shall prevent an
13 unlicensed person from engaging in the 5-needle protocol if
14 the person:

15 (1) has appropriate training in the 5-needle ear
16 acupuncture protocol, including training established by
17 the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association or the
18 People's Organization of Community Acupuncture or similar
19 training approved by the Board;

20 (2) has appropriate training in clean needle
21 techniques;

22 (3) employs sterile, single-use needles without the
23 reuse of needles;

1 (4) does not purport to treat any specific disease,
2 disorder, infirmity, or affliction;

3 (5) does not use any letters, words, or insignia
4 indicating or implying that he or she is an acupuncturist;
5 and

6 (6) makes no statements implying that his or her
7 practice of the 5-needle protocol is licensed, certified,
8 or otherwise regulated by the State.

9 (c) Treatment utilizing the 5-needle protocol as described
10 by this Section shall be limited to the insertion of
11 disposable, sterile acupuncture needles into the ear and only
12 in compliance with the 5-needle protocol. The application or
13 insertion of needles anywhere else on the body of another
14 person by a person acting under the provisions of this Section
15 shall be considered engaging in the practice of acupuncture
16 without a license.