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H.B. No. 943

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the provision of acupuncture services by a chiropractor  
3 under a certificate issued by the Texas Board of Chiropractic  
4 Examiners.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 201.002(a)(3), Occupations Code, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (3) "Incisive or surgical procedure" includes making  
9 an incision into any tissue, cavity, or organ by any person or  
10 implement. The term does not include the use of:

11 (A) a needle for the purpose of drawing blood for  
12 diagnostic testing; or

13 (B) an acupuncture needle for the purpose of  
14 treating a condition within the scope of practice of chiropractic.

15 SECTION 2. Section 201.356, Occupations Code, is amended by  
16 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

17 (a-1) As part of the minimum number of hours of continuing  
18 education required to renew a license, the board shall require a  
19 license holder who is authorized to provide acupuncture services  
20 under Section 201.454 to complete not less than eight hours of  
21 continuing education relating to acupuncture.

22 SECTION 3. Subchapter J, Chapter 201, Occupations Code, is  
23 amended by adding Section 201.454 to read as follows:

24 Sec. 201.454. ACUPUNCTURE SERVICES CERTIFICATE. The board

1 shall issue a certificate authorizing a chiropractor to provide  
2 acupuncture services for a condition within the scope of practice  
3 of chiropractic if the chiropractor submits proof to the board that  
4 the chiropractor has completed not less than 100 hours of didactic  
5 and practical training in the use and administration of  
6 acupuncture, as determined by board rule, as part of a bona fide  
7 reputable doctor of chiropractic degree program or at an  
8 acupuncture school approved by the Texas State Board of Acupuncture  
9 Examiners.

10 SECTION 4. Section 201.502, Occupations Code, is amended by  
11 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as  
12 follows:

13 (a) The board may refuse to admit a person to examinations  
14 and may revoke or suspend a license or place a license holder on  
15 probation for a period determined by the board for:

16 (1) violating this chapter or a rule adopted under  
17 this chapter, including committing an act prohibited under Section  
18 201.5025;

19 (2) engaging in deception or fraud in the practice of  
20 chiropractic;

21 (3) presenting to the board or using a license,  
22 certificate, or diploma or a transcript of a license, certificate,  
23 or diploma that was illegally or fraudulently obtained,  
24 counterfeited, or materially altered;

25 (4) presenting to the board an untrue statement or a  
26 document or testimony that was illegally used to pass the  
27 examination;

1           (5) being convicted of a crime involving moral  
2 turpitude or a felony;

3           (6) procuring or assisting in the procuring of an  
4 abortion;

5           (7) engaging in grossly unprofessional conduct or  
6 dishonorable conduct of a character likely to deceive or defraud  
7 the public;

8           (8) having a habit of intemperance or drug addiction  
9 or another habit that, in the opinion of the board, endangers the  
10 life of a patient;

11           (9) using an advertising statement that is false or  
12 that tends to mislead or deceive the public;

13           (10) directly or indirectly employing or associating  
14 with a person who, in the course of the person's employment, commits  
15 an act constituting the practice of chiropractic when the person is  
16 not licensed to practice chiropractic;

17           (11) advertising professional superiority, or  
18 advertising the performance of professional services in a superior  
19 manner, if that advertising is not readily subject to verification;

20           (12) purchasing, selling, bartering, using, or  
21 offering to purchase, sell, barter, or use a chiropractic degree,  
22 license, certificate, or diploma or transcript of a license,  
23 certificate, or diploma in or relating to an application to the  
24 board for a license to practice chiropractic;

25           (13) altering with fraudulent intent a chiropractic  
26 license, certificate, or diploma or transcript of a chiropractic  
27 license, certificate, or diploma;

- 1           (14) impersonating or acting as proxy for another in  
2 an examination required by this chapter for a chiropractic license;
- 3           (15) impersonating a licensed chiropractor;
- 4           (16) allowing one's chiropractic license to be used by  
5 another person to practice chiropractic;
- 6           (17) being proved insane by a person having authority  
7 to make that determination;
- 8           (18) failing to use proper diligence in the practice  
9 of chiropractic or using gross inefficiency in the practice of  
10 chiropractic;
- 11          (19) failing to clearly differentiate a chiropractic  
12 office or clinic from another business or enterprise;
- 13          (20) personally soliciting a patient or causing a  
14 patient to be solicited by the use of a case history of another  
15 patient of another chiropractor;
- 16          (21) using for the purpose of soliciting patients an  
17 accident report prepared by a peace officer in a manner prohibited  
18 by Section 38.12, Penal Code;
- 19          (22) advertising using the term "physician" or  
20 "chiropractic physician" or any combination or derivation of the  
21 term "physician"; ~~or~~
- 22          (23) advertising in a manner that implies the license  
23 holder is authorized to offer the full range of acupuncture  
24 treatments or services as a person licensed under Chapter 205,  
25 including advertising using the terms or phrases "acupuncturist,"  
26 "licensed acupuncturist," "L.Ac.," "traditional Chinese medicine,"  
27 "degreed in acupuncture," or "Board Certified in Acupuncture"; or

1           (24) failing to submit fingerprints to the board or  
2 Department of Public Safety to enable the board to obtain criminal  
3 history record information as required by Section 201.313.

4           (b-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a)(23), a license holder  
5 may use the phrase "Board Certified in Chiropractic Acupuncture" if  
6 the license holder is certified to provide acupuncture services  
7 under Section 201.454.

8           SECTION 5. The Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall  
9 issue a certificate under Section 201.454, Occupations Code, as  
10 added by this Act, to a chiropractor who:

11           (1) applies to the board for the issuance of the  
12 certificate on or before September 1, 2022;

13           (2) as of August 31, 2021, was authorized to provide  
14 acupuncture services under board rules in existence on that date;  
15 and

16           (3) submits to the board proof of completion of the  
17 training required by board rules described by Subdivision (2) of  
18 this section.

19           SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.