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I see this as a tactic to torpedo the growing acupuncture profession. Rather than refer patients out to appropriately trained and licensed acupuncturists, this proposed change of law helps physical therapists to adopt insertion of acupuncture needles into their scope of practice, rather than to require physical therapists to pursue the educational requirements already in existence for them to have this privilege. If this Bill is passed, it will have the effect of stealing livelihoods from people who followed the law to become licensed acupuncturists; is the legislature going to accept responsibility for legally diminishing and financially harming thousands of healthcare providers who have dedicated their lives to providing safe and effective acupuncture?