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I am opposed to this measure as both an acupuncture student but also because I have received acupuncture/dry needling from a PT in another state. It was among the most painful experience I have ever had. Having a PT who has only had a single weekend of training jab a needle into a painfully tight muscle and then basically saw at it by inserting and removing the needle quickly did nothing to help my pain, not to mention I was in pain from the treatment longer than the tight muscle lasted! All that it did was keep me in pain, but also because they said that they were better than an acupuncturist, it made me think that acupuncturists are more painful. I have rarely experienced pain that lasted longer than a minute, unlike the 2-3 days that I experienced from that therapist.

Unless the state requirements are for the PT undergo an additional year or more of training I do not think that PT's should be allowed to do this. It harms both the patients trust in their provider, as well as reducing our skill set in a field that we are already fighting for respect.