

Submitter: Margaret Bauer  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3824  
Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Hayden and Members of the Committee:

Please revise HB 3824 to not allow Physical Therapist or an assistant to practice "needle insertion".

I believe this is a safety issue as a licensed acupuncturist trains many years in a well-established medicine using the tools, techniques and devices to help so many obtain optimum health. The bill does not include training standards or oversight when performing the needling practices.

I have received successful acupuncture treatment from several licensed practitioners and would only trust the training and skill of such individuals. All of the acupuncturists showed me the most care, demonstrated their knowledge of the total body and why certain points of insertion were chosen or not chosen. All were very passionate about their career and helping people obtain wellness. Most patients are a bit nervous anyway, but if I know the person does not have the same level of practice, training and knowledge and they are attempting to find the exact point for insertion of needle, I would not use their services.

I understand the intent may be to make this treatment more available, but I believe this could be a safety issue. Let's not lower medical standards.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,

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