

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 496

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ACUPUNCTURISTS: Provides for the practice of acupuncture

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1358(B) and to repeal R.S. 37:1356(9), relative to the practice  
3 of acupuncture; to require an acupuncturist's assistant to maintain a relationship with  
4 a physician; to repeal the definition of supervising physician; and to provide for  
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 37:1358(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1358. Acupuncturists' assistants; relationship with physician

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10 B. The acupuncturist's assistant shall ~~work under the direction, control, and~~  
11 ~~supervision of a physician and shall perform such duties, services, and functions~~  
12 ~~pertaining to acupuncture as assigned by the supervising physician.~~ establish and  
13 maintain, in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the board, a  
14 relationship with a physician who operates a physical practice location in Louisiana  
15 to provide for referrals and follow-up care which may be necessary.

16 Section 2. R.S. 37:1356(9) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

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DIGEST

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HB 496 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Requires an acupuncturist's assistant to maintain a relationship with a physician to provide for referrals and follow-up care.

Present law requires an acupuncturist's assistant to work under the direction, control, and supervision of a physician and to perform such duties, services, and functions pertaining to acupuncture as assigned by the supervising physician.

Proposed law changes the requirement for a supervising physician to a requirement for a relationship, in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME), with a physician who operates a physical practice location in La. to provide for referrals and follow-up care which may be necessary.

Present law defines "supervising physician" as a physician who exercises supervision and control over an acupuncturists' assistant when the assistant is engaged in the practice of acupuncture.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 37:1358(B); Repeals R.S. 37:1356(9))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Require the relationship with the physician to comply with rules and regulations promulgated by the LSBME.