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Introduced by Representative Klein of East Montpelier

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Professions and occupations; medicine; scope of practice;  
acupuncture

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to add  
acupuncture to a physician's scope of practice.

An act relating to adding acupuncture to a physician's scope of practice

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. § 1311 is amended to read:

§ 1311. DEFINITIONS

~~For the purposes of~~ As used in this chapter:

(1) Practice of medicine means:

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(D) offering or undertaking to prevent, diagnose, correct, or treat in  
any manner or by any means, methods, or devices, including acupuncture, any  
disease, illness, pain, wound, fracture, infirmity, defect, or abnormal physical  
or mental condition of any person, including the management of pregnancy  
and parturition;

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Sec. 2. BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE; REQUIRED RULEMAKING

On or before the effective date of Sec. 1 of this act, the Board of Medical Practice shall adopt rules regarding:

(1) the definition of “acupuncture,” as that term is used in Sec. 1; and

(2) any training the Board finds is necessary in order for a physician to perform acupuncture.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) Sec. 1 shall take effect on January 1, 2017.

(b) This section and Sec. 2 shall take effect on passage.