

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AND BERLIN, MARCH 18, 1975

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, MARCH 19, 1975

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 20, 1974 (No.190), entitled "An act
2 relating to the right to practice medicine and surgery in the
3 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and establishing means and
4 methods whereby the right to practice medicine and surgery
5 and any of its branches and limited right to practice
6 medically related acts may be obtained, and exemptions
7 therefrom; imposing powers and duties on the State Board of
8 Medical Education and Licensure; providing for appropriation
9 of board fees to carry out the provisions thereof, and for
10 the granting, revocation and suspension of licenses;
11 providing penalties for violations; and making repeals,"
12 authorizing acupuncture under certain conditions.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. Section 3, act of July 20, 1974 (No.190), known
16 as the "Medical Practice Act of 1974," is amended by adding a
17 paragraph to read:

18 Section 3. Practice of Medicine and Surgery without License
19 Prohibited; Penalties.--* * *

20 The performance of acupuncture for the purpose of
21 demonstration, therapy, or the induction of analgesia by a
22 person who is not a physician licensed under this act is not a

1 violation of this act if the acupuncture is performed under the
2 supervision and control of a physician licensed under this act.
3 The board shall determine the qualifications of a person
4 authorized to perform acupuncture under this paragraph. Records
5 of the diagnosis, treatment and patient response to acupuncture
6 shall be maintained and submitted upon request to an appropriate
7 committee of the Pennsylvania Medical Association for study. As
8 used in this paragraph, "acupuncture" means the selective
9 stimulation of the body's neurological and defense mechanisms by
10 the insertion of needles in an effort to correct neuromuscular
11 and organic disorders or to induce analgesia.