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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2140

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING
9 ACUPUNCTURE AND EXEMPTIONS TO THE LICENSURE OF
10 ACUPUNCTURISTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING
15 ACUPUNCTURE AND EXEMPTIONS TO THE
16 LICENSURE OF ACUPUNCTURISTS.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-102-102(1), concerning the definition of
22 "acupuncture" within the Arkansas Acupuncture Practices Act, is amended to
23 read as follows:

24 (1) "Acupuncture" means the insertion, manipulation, and removal
25 of sterile filiform needles from the body and the use of other modalities and
26 procedures at specific locations on the body for the prevention, cure, or
27 correction of a malady, illness, injury, pain, or other condition or disorder
28 by controlling and regulating the flow and balance of energy and functioning
29 of the patient to restore and maintain health, but acupuncture shall not be
30 considered surgery;

32 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-102-311 is amended to read as follows:
33 17-102-311. Exemptions.

34 ~~(a) Nothing in this chapter is intended to~~ This chapter does not
35 ~~limit, interfere with, or prevent any other class of licensed health care~~
36 ~~professionals~~ a physician licensed by the Arkansas State Medical Board or a



1 chiropractor licensed by the Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners
2 from practicing acupuncture and related techniques when permitted by ~~its~~ his
3 or her respective state licensing board.

4 (b) However, a chiropractic physician ~~shall be entitled to~~ may
5 practice acupuncture as part of chiropractic practice after completing an
6 educational program in acupuncture from a college accredited by the Council
7 on Chiropractic Education.

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