
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.