

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2140

By: Representative Rye

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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