

# ENGROSSMENT(S)



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TRANSMITTAL OF ENGROSSED LEGISLATION

Short Title: Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985 Acupuncture  
Practice Amendment Act of 1991

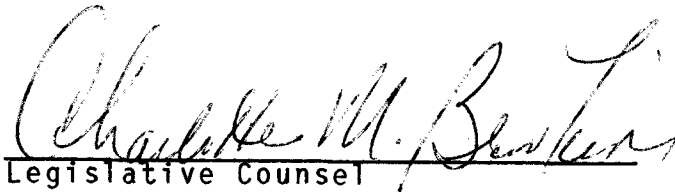
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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 04

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To amend the Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985 to permit the 06  
practice of acupuncture as a treatment for substance abuse and 07  
alcoholism by persons registered as acupuncture therapists who work 08  
under direct collaboration of a physician licensed to practice 09  
acupuncture or a licensed acupuncturist. 10

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 11  
That this act may be cited as the "Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985 12  
Acupuncture Practice Amendment Act of 1991". 13

Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act 14  
of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Code 15  
§2-3309.1) is amended to add a new section 903 to read as follows: 16

"Sec. 903. Registered [Acupuncture Therapist] acupuncture 17  
therapist. 18

"(a) For the purposes of this section, "registered acupuncture 19  
therapist" means a person who has successfully completed a program in 20  
acupuncture therapy approved by the Advisory Committee on Acupuncture 21  
and the Board of Medicine for the specific purpose of treating drug and 22  
alcohol abuse in a [-] clinical setting and who does not otherwise possess 23

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the credentials or qualifications for the practice of acupuncture as 01  
required by section 504 [of this act]. 02

"(b) A person who is engaged as an acupuncture therapist in the 03  
District shall register with the Mayor, renew the registration as required 04  
by rule, and pay the required registration fee established by the Mayor. 05

"(c) Any person registered to practice as an acupuncture therapist 06  
shall practice under the direct collaboration of a person licensed to 07  
practice acupuncture or a physician licensed to practice acupuncture. 08

"(d) The Mayor, in accordance with the provisions of [Title] title 09  
I of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, approved 10  
October 21, 1968 (62 Stat. 1204; D.C. Code §1-1501 *et seq.*), shall issue 11  
rules setting forth the standards of education and experience required to 12  
qualify for registration as an acupuncture therapist." 13

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect after a 30-day period of 14  
Congressional review folowing approval by the Mayor (or in the evant 15  
of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council of the District of Columbia 16  
to override the veto) as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of 17  
Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, approved 18  
December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code §1-233(c)(1)), and publication 19  
in either the District of Columbia Register, the District of Columbia 20  
Statutes-at-Large, or the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations. 21