SENATE BILL 13-207

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE PERFORMANCE OF AURICULAR ACUDETOX BY
102 TRAINED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://www.leg.state.co.us/billssummaries.)

The bill allows a licensed, registered, or certified mental health care professional, who has been appropriately trained, to perform auricular acudetox. The auricular acudetox must be performed within the health care professional's current scope of practice.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.
Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-29.5-105, add (3) as follows:

12-29.5-105. Unlawful acts - exceptions - definition.

(3) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE TO THE CONTRARY, A MENTAL HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL WHO IS LICENSED, REGISTERED, OR CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 43 OF THIS TITLE AND WHO HAS BEEN TRAINED TO PERFORM AURICULAR AUCDETOX MAY PERFORM AURICULAR AUCDETOX. THE AURICULAR AUCDETOX MUST BE PERFORMED UNDER THE MENTAL HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL’S CURRENT SCOPE OF PRACTICE.

(b) A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING AURICULAR AUCDETOX PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3) SHALL NOT USE THE TITLE "ACUPUNCTURIST" OR OTHERWISE CLAIM TO BE A PERSON QUALIFIED TO PERFORM ACUPUNCTURE BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THIS SUBSECTION (3).

(c) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (3) "AURICULAR AUCDETOX" MEANS THE SUBCUTANEOUS INSERTION OF STERILE, DISPOSABLE ACUPUNCTURE NEEDLES IN THE FOLLOWING FIVE CONSISTENT, PREDETERMINED BILATERAL LOCATIONS:

(I) SYMPATHETIC;

(II) SHEN MEN;

(III) KIDNEY;

(IV) LIVER; AND

(V) LUNG.

SECTION 2. Effective date. This act takes effect July 1, 2013.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.