

CHAPTER 246

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HOUSE BILL 575-FN

AN ACT relative to the certification of acupuncture detoxification specialists.

SPONSORS: Rep. Backus, Hills. 19; Rep. J. Schmidt, Hills. 28; Rep. King, Hills. 33; Rep. MacKenzie, Hills. 17; Rep. O'Neil, Hills. 9; Rep. DiSilvestro, Hills. 9; Rep. Heath, Hills. 14; Rep. Butler, Carr. 7; Rep. Cushing, Rock. 21; Rep. Sofikitis, Hills. 34; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill allows the board of acupuncture to certify individuals as acupuncture detoxification specialists.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in bold italics.

Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen

AN ACT relative to the certification of acupuncture detoxification specialists.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

246:1 New Paragraphs; Acupuncture; Definitions Added. Amend RSA 328-G:2 by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraphs:

IX. "Acupuncture detoxification," also known as acu-detox, means the treatment by means of the insertion of acupuncture needles in a combination of points on the ear.

X. "Acupuncture detoxification specialist," known as an ADS, means an individual certified by the board to practice acupuncture detoxification in this state.

XI. "NADA" means the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association.

XII. "NADA training" means the standardized auricular acupuncture protocol developed by NADA that is in effect on July 1, 2017.

246:2 New Paragraph; Acupuncture Detoxification; Rulemaking. Amend RSA 328-G:7 by inserting after paragraph XIII the following new paragraph:

XIV.(a) Procedures and forms for application for certification as an acupuncture detoxification specialist.

(b) Renewal, revocation, or suspension of certification of an acupuncture detoxification specialist.

(c) Any fees required under subparagraphs (a) and (b).

(d) Maintaining a register of persons certified as acupuncture detoxification specialists.

246:3 New Section; Certified Acupuncture Detoxification Specialist. Amend RSA 328-G by inserting after section 9 the following new section:

328-G:9-a Certified Acupuncture Detoxification Specialist.

I. The board shall certify as an acupuncture detoxification specialist a qualified individual, not licensed by the board as an acupuncturist, who has successfully

completed NADA training or other training in acupuncture detoxification protocols as determined by the board and complied with the rules of the board adopted pursuant to RSA 328-G:7, XIV.

II.(a) A "qualified individual" shall mean a licensed health care professional, recovery coach, peer counselor, or other board approved professional, trained in acupuncture, a standardized auricular acupuncture protocol developed by the NADA, or a training that meets or exceeds the NADA training, as determined by the board, provided she or he is under the general supervision of a licensed acupuncturist, trained in the NADA protocol or equivalent for the purposes of behavioral health applications, including addictions, mental health, and disaster and emotional trauma.

(b) "General supervision" includes, but is not limited to, being available by phone or other electronic means during business hours, with at least 2 site visits by a licensed acupuncturist a year.

III. Nothing in this chapter is intended to limit, interfere with, or prevent an acupuncture detoxification specialist certified by the board from practicing within the scope of his or her certification.

246:4 Penalties. Amend RSA 328-G:14 to read as follows:

328-G:14 Penalties. It shall be a class A misdemeanor for any natural person, and a felony if any other person, to violate RSA 328-G:9, or to act as an acupuncture detoxification specialist without current certification by the board under RSA 328-G:9-a.

246:5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

Approved: July 18, 2017

Effective Date: July 01, 2017