



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1490

PRINTER'S NO. 3312

PRIME SPONSOR: Gallagher

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1490 amends the Acupuncture Licensure Act with various updates pertaining to acupuncturists and practitioners of Oriental Medicine.

ANALYSIS:

This bill makes several updates to the Acupuncture Licensure Act.

First, it creates definitions for the act for East Asian herbology, herbal therapy, and practitioner of Oriental Medicine.

Second, it creates an exemption from licensure for individuals licensed to practice acupuncture in another state for the purpose of attending a continuing education acupuncture course in the Commonwealth.

Third, it adds language outlining the conditions for an acupuncturist to practice oriental medicine, which include being a licensed practitioner of oriental medicine, completing an acupuncture education program and passing an East Asian herbology examination OR obtaining national certification in East Asian herbology or oriental medicine.

Fourth, it allows an acupuncturist licensed in another state to practice in the Commonwealth for up to 60 days during a state of emergency.

Fifth, it outlines that an acupuncturist or practitioner of Oriental Medicine must wear identification badges that clearly state their name and title.

Finally, it requires continuing education requirements for acupuncturists in the amount of 30 hours per biennial license period. It contains an exception for licensed physicians who are also an acupuncturist, outlining that they must complete at least 9 hours per biennial license period.

The act shall take effect in 60 days.

This bill was amended in the Senate to clarify that the mandatory continuing education for acupuncturists is done as part of the licensed physician's continuing education requirement under either the Medical Practice Act of 1985 or the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no impact on Commonwealth funds. The Department of State estimates that minor changes to the Pennsylvania Licensing System will be necessary and can be accomplished with current resources.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.