

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY SENATOR MILLS

HEALTH/HOSPITALS DEPT. Directs the Department of Health and Hospitals to create the Practice and Regulation of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Review Committee.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the Department of Health and Hospitals to create the Practice and Regulation of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Review Committee.

WHEREAS, the practice of acupuncture and oriental medicine provides important health benefits to the residents of this state; and

WHEREAS, the practice of acupuncture and oriental medicine has become a well-established, widely-used, viable modality across the United States; and

WHEREAS, when practiced as a whole medicine, by a fully trained practitioner, the practice of acupuncture and oriental medicine satisfies a missing niche that includes a prophylactic approach that allows the patient or a referring medical director a proactive avenue towards health when neither symptoms nor severity of disease warrants other forms of treatment; and

WHEREAS, oriental medicine often becomes a valuable way to identify those in need of a referral to a western medical provider.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct the Department of Health and Hospitals to create the Practice and Regulation of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Review Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee study issues related to the

1 practice of acupuncture and oriental medicine, including but not limited to the following:

2 (1) Whether the practice shall be regulated and licensed by an independent state  
3 board that oversees only the practice of acupuncture and oriental medicine.

4 (2) The requirements to practice acupuncture and oriental medicine within the  
5 state of Louisiana.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall make recommendations to  
7 the legislature regarding potential legislation.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall be staffed by the  
9 Department of Health and Hospitals.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall be comprised of the  
11 following members:

12 (1) The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals or his designee.

13 (2) The Senate president or his designee.

14 (3) The speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee.

15 (4) The executive director of the National Certification Commission for  
16 Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine or his designee.

17 (5) The executive director of the American Association of Acupuncture and  
18 Oriental Medicine or his designee.

19 (6) The executive director of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners  
20 or his designee.

21 (7) The executive director of the Louisiana State Medical Society or his  
22 designee.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the committee shall serve  
24 without compensation except per diem or expense reimbursement to which they may be  
25 individually entitled as members of the constituent organizations.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of the Department of Health and  
27 Hospitals or his designee shall serve as the chairperson of the committee.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairperson of the committee shall call the  
29 first meeting of the committee.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the total membership shall

1 constitute a quorum of the committee, and any official action by the committee shall require  
2 an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee may conduct such meetings at  
4 such times as it deems necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively  
5 its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Resolution.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall make a report of the  
7 activities of the committee and shall submit the report to the legislature no later than sixty  
8 days prior to the convening of the 2015 Regular Session.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authority for the Practice and Regulation of  
10 Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Review Committee shall terminate on March 1, 2015.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
12 secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, the executive director of the National  
13 Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, the American Association  
14 of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, the executive director of the Louisiana State Board  
15 of Medical Examiners, and the executive director of the Louisiana State Board of Medical  
16 Examiners.

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DIGEST

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