

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.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 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 (8) A chiropractor designated by the Chiropractic Association of Louisiana who
24 is certified as a diplomat of the American Board of Chiropractic
25 Acupuncturists or has completed equivalent training in acupuncture.
26 (9) A physical therapist designated by the Louisiana Physical Therapy
27 Association.

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

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

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairperson of the committee shall call the
4 first meeting of the committee.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the total membership shall
6 constitute a quorum of the committee, and any official action by the committee shall require
7 an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting.

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

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

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

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
17 secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, the executive director of the National
18 Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, the American Association
19 of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, the executive director of the Louisiana State Board
20 of Medical Examiners, the chief executive officer of the Louisiana State Medical Society,
21 the executive director of the Chiropractic Association of Louisiana, and the executive
22 director of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association.

The original instrument was prepared by Christopher D. Adams. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Tammy Crain-Waldrop.

DIGEST

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Adds to the committee a chiropractor designated by the Chiropractic Association of Louisiana who is certified as a diplomat of the American Board of Chiropractic Acupuncturists or has completed equivalent training in acupuncture.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Adds to the committee a physical therapist designated by the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association.