

1.1 Backer and Bierman from the Committee on Health Finance and Policy to which was  
1.2 referred:

1.3 H. F. No. 1270, A bill for an act relating to health-related occupations; modifying  
1.4 licensing for practice of acupuncture and herbal medicine; amending Minnesota Statutes  
1.5 2024, sections 147B.01, subdivisions 3, 4, 9, 14, by adding a subdivision; 147B.03,  
1.6 subdivisions 2, 3; 147B.05, subdivision 1; 147B.06, subdivisions 1, 4, 5; repealing Minnesota  
1.7 Statutes 2024, section 147B.01, subdivision 18.

1.8 Reported the same back with the following amendments:

1.9 Page 4, delete section 10 and insert:

1.10 "Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 147B.06, subdivision 4, is amended  
1.11 to read:

1.12 Subd. 4. **Scope of practice.** The scope of practice of acupuncture and herbal medicine  
1.13 includes; but is not limited to; the following:

1.14 (1) ~~using Oriental medical theory to assess and diagnose a patient; and~~ evaluation,  
1.15 management, and treatment services using methods and techniques described in section  
1.16 147B.01, subdivisions 2a, 3, and 14;

1.17 (2) ~~using Oriental medical theory to develop a plan to treat a patient. The treatment~~  
1.18 ~~techniques that may be chosen include:~~ diagnostic examination, testing, and procedures,  
1.19 including physical examination, basic diagnostic imaging, and basic laboratory or other  
1.20 diagnostic tests for the purposes of guiding treatment within the scope of practice of  
1.21 acupuncture, herbal medicine, and herbal therapies, as described in section 147B.01,  
1.22 subdivisions 2a, 3, and 14. When results fall outside of the education, training, and expertise  
1.23 of a licensed acupuncturist, or suggest serious or emergent conditions, the acupuncturist  
1.24 must facilitate referrals to other appropriate health care providers;

1.25 (i) ~~insertion of sterile acupuncture needles through the skin;~~

2.1 ~~(ii) acupuncture stimulation including, but not limited to, electrical stimulation or the~~  
 2.2 ~~application of heat;~~

2.3 ~~(iii) cupping;~~

2.4 ~~(iv) dermal friction;~~

2.5 ~~(v) acupressure;~~

2.6 ~~(vi) herbal therapies;~~

2.7 ~~(vii) dietary counseling based on traditional Chinese medical principles;~~

2.8 ~~(viii) breathing techniques;~~

2.9 ~~(ix) exercise according to Oriental medical principles; or~~

2.10 ~~(x) Oriental massage.~~

2.11 (3) services included in acupuncture and herbal medicine practice;

2.12 (4) stimulation of acupuncture points, areas of the body, or substances in the body using  
 2.13 acupuncture needles, heat, cold, color, light, infrared and ultraviolet, low-level or cold lasers,  
 2.14 sound, vibration, pressure, magnetism, electricity, electromagnetic energy, bleeding, suction,  
 2.15 or other devices or means;

2.16 (5) use of physical medicine modalities, procedures, and devices, including but not  
 2.17 limited to cupping, dermal friction, acupressure, and massage, as described in section  
 2.18 147B.01, subdivisions 2a, 3, and 14;

2.19 (6) use of therapeutic exercises, breathing techniques, meditation, and biofeedback  
 2.20 devices and other devices that utilize heat, cold, color, light, infrared and ultraviolet, low-level  
 2.21 or cold lasers, sound, vibration, pressure, magnetism, electricity, and electromagnetic energy  
 2.22 for therapeutic purposes;

2.23 (7) dietary counseling using methods and techniques of acupuncture and herbal medicine;  
 2.24 and

2.25 (8) counseling and education regarding physical, emotional, and spiritual balance in  
 2.26 lifestyle using methods and techniques described in section 147B.01, subdivision 3."

2.27 Correct the title numbers accordingly

2.28 With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be placed on the General  
 2.29 Register.

3.1 This Committee action taken February 25, 2026

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