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1 AN ACT Relating to Asian medicine; and amending RCW 18.06.010 and  
2 18.36A.050.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.06.010 and 1995 c 323 s 4 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The following terms in this chapter shall have the meanings set  
7 forth in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

8 (1) "Acupuncture" means a health care service based on an  
9 (~~Oriental~~) Asian system of medical theory utilizing (~~Oriental~~)  
10 Asian diagnosis and treatment to promote health and treat organic or  
11 functional disorders by treating specific acupuncture points or  
12 meridians. Acupuncture includes the following techniques:

13 (a) Use of acupuncture needles to stimulate acupuncture points and  
14 meridians;

15 (b) Use of electrical, mechanical, or magnetic devices to stimulate  
16 acupuncture points and meridians;

17 (c) Moxibustion;

18 (d) Acupressure;

19 (e) Cupping;

1 (f) Dermal friction technique;  
2 (g) Infra-red;  
3 (h) Sonopuncture;  
4 (i) Laserpuncture;  
5 (j) Point injection therapy (aquapuncture); and  
6 (k) Dietary advice based on (~~Oriental~~) Asian medical theory  
7 provided in conjunction with techniques under (a) through (j) of this  
8 subsection.

9 (2) "Acupuncturist" means a person licensed under this chapter.

10 (3) "Department" means the department of health.

11 (4) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's  
12 designee.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.36A.050 and 1991 c 3 s 90 are each amended to read  
14 as follows:

15 Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit or restrict:

16 (1) The practice of a profession by individuals who are licensed,  
17 certified, or registered under other laws of this state who are  
18 performing services within their authorized scope of practice;

19 (2) The practice of naturopathic medicine by an individual employed  
20 by the government of the United States while the individual is engaged  
21 in the performance of duties prescribed for him or her by the laws and  
22 regulations of the United States;

23 (3) The practice of naturopathic medicine by students enrolled in  
24 a school approved by the secretary. The performance of services shall  
25 be pursuant to a course of instruction or assignments from an  
26 instructor and under the supervision of the instructor. The instructor  
27 shall be a naturopath licensed pursuant to this chapter; or

28 (4) The practice of (~~oriental~~) Asian medicine or (~~oriental~~)  
29 Asian herbology, or the rendering of other dietary or nutritional  
30 advice.

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