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By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Robinson, Harris, and Stanford)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the practice of certain East Asian medicine
2 therapies; amending RCW 18.06.010; reenacting and amending RCW
3 69.41.010; adding a new section to chapter 18.06 RCW; and creating a
4 new section.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.06.010 and 2010 c 286 s 2 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

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

10 (1) "East Asian medicine" means a health care service utilizing
11 East Asian medicine diagnosis and treatment to promote health and
12 treat organic or functional disorders and includes the following:

13 (a) Acupuncture, including the use of acupuncture needles or
14 lancets to directly and indirectly stimulate acupuncture points and
15 meridians;

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

18 (c) Moxibustion;

19 (d) Acupressure;

20 (e) Cupping;

21 (f) Dermal friction technique;

1 (g) Infra-red;
2 (h) Sonopuncture;
3 (i) Laserpuncture;
4 (j) Point injection therapy (aquapuncture), as defined in rule by
5 the department. Point injection therapy includes injection of
6 substances, limited to saline, sterile water, herbs, minerals,
7 vitamins in liquid form, and homeopathic and nutritional substances,
8 consistent with the practice of East Asian medicine. Point injection
9 therapy does not include injection of controlled substances contained
10 in Schedules I through V of the uniform controlled substances act,
11 chapter 69.50 RCW or steroids as defined in RCW 69.41.300;

12 (k) Dietary advice and health education based on East Asian
13 medical theory, including the recommendation and sale of herbs,
14 vitamins, minerals, and dietary and nutritional supplements;

15 (l) Breathing, relaxation, and East Asian exercise techniques;

16 (m) Qi gong;

17 (n) East Asian massage and Tui na, which is a method of East
18 Asian bodywork, characterized by the kneading, pressing, rolling,
19 shaking, and stretching of the body and does not include spinal
20 manipulation; and

21 (o) Superficial heat and cold therapies.

22 (2) "East Asian medicine practitioner" means a person licensed
23 under this chapter.

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

25 (4) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's
26 designee.

27 Nothing in this chapter requires individuals to be licensed as an
28 East Asian medicine practitioner in order to provide the techniques
29 and services in subsection (1)(k) through (o) of this section or to
30 sell herbal products.

31 **Sec. 2.** RCW 69.41.010 and 2013 c 276 s 1 and 2013 c 19 s 55 are
32 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

33 As used in this chapter, the following terms have the meanings
34 indicated unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

35 (1) "Administer" means the direct application of a legend drug
36 whether by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other means, to
37 the body of a patient or research subject by:

38 (a) A practitioner; or

1 (b) The patient or research subject at the direction of the
2 practitioner.

3 (2) "Community-based care settings" include: Community
4 residential programs for persons with developmental disabilities,
5 certified by the department of social and health services under
6 chapter 71A.12 RCW; adult family homes licensed under chapter 70.128
7 RCW; and assisted living facilities licensed under chapter 18.20 RCW.
8 Community-based care settings do not include acute care or skilled
9 nursing facilities.

10 (3) "Deliver" or "delivery" means the actual, constructive, or
11 attempted transfer from one person to another of a legend drug,
12 whether or not there is an agency relationship.

13 (4) "Department" means the department of health.

14 (5) "Dispense" means the interpretation of a prescription or
15 order for a legend drug and, pursuant to that prescription or order,
16 the proper selection, measuring, compounding, labeling, or packaging
17 necessary to prepare that prescription or order for delivery.

18 (6) "Dispenser" means a practitioner who dispenses.

19 (7) "Distribute" means to deliver other than by administering or
20 dispensing a legend drug.

21 (8) "Distributor" means a person who distributes.

22 (9) "Drug" means:

23 (a) Substances recognized as drugs in the official United States
24 pharmacopoeia, official homeopathic pharmacopoeia of the United
25 States, or official national formulary, or any supplement to any of
26 them;

27 (b) Substances intended for use in the diagnosis, cure,
28 mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in human beings or
29 animals;

30 (c) Substances (other than food, minerals or vitamins) intended
31 to affect the structure or any function of the body of human beings
32 or animals; and

33 (d) Substances intended for use as a component of any article
34 specified in (a), (b), or (c) of this subsection. It does not include
35 devices or their components, parts, or accessories.

36 (10) "Electronic communication of prescription information" means
37 the transmission of a prescription or refill authorization for a drug
38 of a practitioner using computer systems. The term does not include a
39 prescription or refill authorization transmitted verbally by
40 telephone nor a facsimile manually signed by the practitioner.

1 (11) "In-home care settings" include an individual's place of
2 temporary and permanent residence, but does not include acute care or
3 skilled nursing facilities, and does not include community-based care
4 settings.

5 (12) "Legend drugs" means any drugs which are required by state
6 law or regulation of the pharmacy quality assurance commission to be
7 dispensed on prescription only or are restricted to use by
8 practitioners only.

9 (13) "Legible prescription" means a prescription or medication
10 order issued by a practitioner that is capable of being read and
11 understood by the pharmacist filling the prescription or the nurse or
12 other practitioner implementing the medication order. A prescription
13 must be hand printed, typewritten, or electronically generated.

14 (14) "Medication assistance" means assistance rendered by a
15 nonpractitioner to an individual residing in a community-based care
16 setting or in-home care setting to facilitate the individual's self-
17 administration of a legend drug or controlled substance. It includes
18 reminding or coaching the individual, handing the medication
19 container to the individual, opening the individual's medication
20 container, using an enabler, or placing the medication in the
21 individual's hand, and such other means of medication assistance as
22 defined by rule adopted by the department. A nonpractitioner may help
23 in the preparation of legend drugs or controlled substances for self-
24 administration where a practitioner has determined and communicated
25 orally or by written direction that such medication preparation
26 assistance is necessary and appropriate. Medication assistance shall
27 not include assistance with intravenous medications or injectable
28 medications, except prefilled insulin syringes.

29 (15) "Person" means individual, corporation, government or
30 governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust,
31 partnership or association, or any other legal entity.

32 (16) "Practitioner" means:

33 (a) A physician under chapter 18.71 RCW, an osteopathic physician
34 or an osteopathic physician and surgeon under chapter 18.57 RCW, a
35 dentist under chapter 18.32 RCW, a podiatric physician and surgeon
36 under chapter 18.22 RCW, an East Asian medicine practitioner to the
37 extent authorized under chapter 18.06 RCW and the rules adopted under
38 RCW 18.06.010(1)(j), a veterinarian under chapter 18.92 RCW, a
39 registered nurse, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or licensed
40 practical nurse under chapter 18.79 RCW, an optometrist under chapter

1 18.53 RCW who is certified by the optometry board under RCW
2 18.53.010, an osteopathic physician assistant under chapter 18.57A
3 RCW, a physician assistant under chapter 18.71A RCW, a naturopath
4 licensed under chapter 18.36A RCW, a pharmacist under chapter 18.64
5 RCW, or, when acting under the required supervision of a dentist
6 licensed under chapter 18.32 RCW, a dental hygienist licensed under
7 chapter 18.29 RCW;

8 (b) A pharmacy, hospital, or other institution licensed,
9 registered, or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct
10 research with respect to, or to administer a legend drug in the
11 course of professional practice or research in this state; and

12 (c) A physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery or a
13 physician licensed to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery in
14 any state, or province of Canada, which shares a common border with
15 the state of Washington.

16 (17) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's
17 designee.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The department of health, in consultation
19 with the East Asian medicine advisory committee established in RCW
20 18.06.220, shall establish by rule the definition of "point injection
21 therapy" and shall adopt rules regarding substances administered as
22 part of point injection therapy consistent with the practice of East
23 Asian medicine.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 18.06
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 (1) Prior to providing point injection therapy services, an East
27 Asian medicine practitioner must obtain the education and training
28 necessary to provide the service. The department shall adopt rules by
29 July 1, 2017, to specify the education and training necessary to
30 provide point injection therapy.

31 (2) Any East Asian medicine practitioner performing point
32 injection therapy prior to the effective date of this section must be
33 able to demonstrate, upon request of the department of health,
34 successful completion of education and training in point injection
35 therapy.

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