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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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