

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

Note: This fiscal note is provided pursuant to Joint Rule 22 (b) (2) and reflects strike-below Amendment L.001.

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Levy

Bill Status: House Health and Environment

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR FIVE-POINT NADA AURICULAR ACUPUNCTURE TO ADDITIONAL TRAINED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
State Revenue		
Cash Funds		
Division of Registrations Cash Fund	\$1,093	
State Expenditures		
Cash Funds		
Division of Registrations Cash Fund	\$1,093	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: July 1, 2011.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012: See State Appropriations section.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

With Amendment L.001, this bill allows certain health care professionals who have completed specific training, to perform the Five-Point National Acupuncture Detoxification Association (NADA) Auricular Acupuncture Protocol in conjunction with a chemical dependency, mental health, or behavioral health treatment program. These include: physicians, physician assistants, nurses, chiropractors, psychiatric technicians, and numerous mental health professionals.

Background

The NADA protocol consists of the insertion of sterile, stainless-steel, disposable acupuncture needles on a person’s ear. The protocol is used to treat addiction, and mental and behavioral health disorders. Training generally requires 30 hours of classroom instruction and 40 hours of hands-on work in a clinic.

State Revenue

State Revenue is expected to increase by \$1,093 from fees to the Division of Registrations Cash Fund in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA).

The Division of Registrations in the DORA sets fees based on the costs for regulating professions. This bill requires \$1,093 in revenue which will be distributed over 11 types of licensees nominally affecting fees for approximately 100,000 licensees.

State Expenditures

Expenditures for the Division of Registrations in the Department of Regulatory Agencies will increase by \$1,093 in FY 2011-12 only.

HB11-1119 allows health care professionals regulated by 8 boards to perform the NADA protocol after being properly trained. The division will provide statewide outreach at a cost of \$1,093 to make licensees aware of the new law. Licensees are expected to receive the training but are not required to report this information to the division. A complaint against a licensee who performs the NADA protocol without the proper training will be handled as a violation of that licensee's professional practice act. Complaints are expected to be minimal and addressed within existing appropriations.

State Appropriations

For FY 2011-12, the Division of Registrations in the Department of Regulatory Agencies requires an appropriation of \$1,093 from the Division of Registrations Cash Fund.

Departments Contacted

Regulatory Agencies Law