

**STATE  
FISCAL IMPACT**

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<b>Prime Sponsor(s):</b> Rep. Ginal Sen. Lundberg	<b>Bill Status:</b> House Health, Insurance, & Environment
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**BILL TOPIC:** ACUPUNCTURISTS PRACTICE INJECTION THERAPY

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary*</b>	<b>FY 2015-2016</b>	<b>FY 2016-2017</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>	Minimal workload increase.	
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.		

\* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill allows licensed acupuncturists to practice injection therapy, which is the injection of sterile herbs, vitamins, minerals, homeopathic substances, or other similar substances into acupuncture points using a hypodermic needle. To practice injection therapy, an acupuncturist must complete the required training as specified by the director of the Division of Professions and Occupations in the Department of Regulatory Agencies. In addition, the bill permits acupuncturists to obtain substances for injection therapy from a registered prescription drug outlet, registered manufacturer, or registered wholesaler.

**State Expenditures**

The bill increase workload in the Department of Regulatory Agencies by a minimal amount beginning in FY 2015-16. Specifically, the Division of Professions and Occupations will be required to promulgate rules concerning injection therapy, including identifying allowable substances and determining the required training. Also, the division may receive additional consumer complaints concerning injection therapy, which would require additional staff time for investigation and disciplinary action, if needed. No changes to appropriations are required to accomplish the duties required under the bill.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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