

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that HB 684 strikes the current ear acupuncture law. Please don't! My name is Phil Wells and I run "Wellspace" a Wellness center located in Barre Vermont for Washington County Mental Health Services. For the past year or so we have offered a free Ear Acupuncture treatments @ Wellspace for clients, staff and community members every Wednesday evening. Clients have reported "feeling no anxiety for the first time in their life..." after a treatment. Staff have reported the reduction of chronic pain, sleeping better, feeling less stressed and has reduced anxiety in some. We now have staff requesting training so that they could include ear acupuncture in their practice. The current law being struck, won't allowed that, even though this is obviously of value to those who are suffering with anxiety, depression and other mental health issues. Please insert a law that is in keeping with the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association's (NADA- the national training organization mission statement which I understand is also supported by the Vermont Acupuncture Association as posted on their webpage . My understanding is that there has never been malpractice claim filed on AcuDetox Technicians, as stated by the largest malpractice insurance company in the US . It seems like Burdensome an unnecessary oversight has prevented Acudetox from being used in Vermont the way that Acudetox it is used in 20 other states. If there are regulatory concerns, these can be worked out, please don't "throw the baby out with the bath water."

Sincerely,
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