

Patients: Here is a template message you can use for your emails and calls regarding the 2023 Legislation that would require standards for all providers inserting acupuncture needles in the Commonwealth for trigger point acupuncture or dry needling, An Act Relative to the Safer Treatment of Pain.

Joint Committee on Public Health

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Dear Chairs Cyr, Decker and members of the Joint Committee on Public Health,

**As a patient of a licensed acupuncturist in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I urge you to report H2270 & S1355, An Act Relative to the Safer Treatment for Pain out of Committee favorably in the best interests of consumers in the Commonwealth.**

This legislation would ensure that all providers providing pain treatment with acupuncture/filiform needles are properly trained, vetted, regulated and licensed and will require licensed health care providers to have adequate training, clinical hours, independent testing and continuing education to validate and maintain their skills.

It is confusing for patients to figure out who is regulated to perform procedures when there are no regulations in place.

It is critical that when a provider claims to be “certified” to do something, that the “certified” activity must be within their scope of practice. Otherwise, we are creating health care confusion by allowing certification for activities that aren’t legally supported.

Please support the regulation of health care providers by moving H2270 and S1355 out of committee favorably speedily.

Feel free to share your own experience. Replace this section with your own words (i.e.: “I receive acupuncture to treat my....” or If you have been damaged by an unlicensed provider of dry needling.)

And I will only see a licensed provider.

Respectfully,

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Please also send this message to your legislators. Find them here:  
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Please ask your State Representative and State Senator to support this bill and its movement through committees to support their constituents.