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# An Act

HOUSE BILL 21-1146

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Pico and Valdez D., Arndt, Lynch, Catlin, Hooton, Kipp, McCormick, Michaelson Jenet;  
also SENATOR(S) Zenzinger and Woodward, Kirkmeyer, Moreno, Ginal, Smallwood.

CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF AURICULAR ACUDETUX BY A PROFESSIONAL,  
AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CLARIFYING THAT IN ORDER TO  
PERFORM AURICULAR ACUDETUX, A PERSON DOES NOT NEED TO BE  
LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR REGISTERED AS A MENTAL HEALTH  
PROFESSIONAL.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-200-108, **amend** (4)(a), (4)(b), and (4)(d) as follows:

**12-200-108. Unlawful acts - exceptions - definition.**  
(4) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this article 200 to the contrary, a professional who has provided documentation that ~~he or she~~ **THE PROFESSIONAL** has been trained to perform auricular acudetox in compliance with subsection (4)(d) of this section may perform auricular acudetox if the auricular acudetox is performed under the professional's

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current scope of practice. and the professional is:

~~(I) Licensed pursuant to article 245 of this title 12; or~~

~~(II) Certified as a level III addiction counselor pursuant to part 8 of article 245 of this title 12.~~

~~(III) Repealed.~~

(b) A ~~mental health~~ professional performing auricular acudetox pursuant to this subsection (4) shall not use the title "acupuncturist" or otherwise claim to be a person qualified to perform acupuncture beyond the scope of this subsection (4).

(d) In order to perform auricular acudetox pursuant to this subsection (4), a ~~mental health-care~~ professional must successfully complete a training program in auricular acudetox for the treatment of substance use disorders that meets or exceeds standards of training established by the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association or another organization approved by the director.

**SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF  
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THE SENATE

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date and Time)

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Jared S. Polis  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF COLORADO