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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Policy (Calatayud) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 41 - 80
and insert:
education from an entity approved by the board on the topic of
dry needling. To satisfy this requirement, the instructor of the
continuing education must make a determination that the
occupational therapist demonstrates the requisite psychomotor
skills to safely perform dry needling. The continuing education
must include instruction in all of the following areas:



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11 1. Theory of dry needling.

12 2. Selection and safe handling of needles and other
13 apparatus or equipment used in dry needling, including
14 instruction on the proper handling of biohazardous waste.

15 3. Indications and contraindications for dry needling.

16 4. Psychomotor skills needed to safely perform dry
17 needling.

18 5. Postintervention care, including care for adverse
19 responses, adverse incident recordkeeping, and any reporting
20 obligations.

21 (c)1. Completion of at least 25 patient sessions of dry
22 needling performed under the supervision of an occupational
23 therapist, a physical therapist, or a chiropractic physician who
24 holds an active license to practice in any state or the District
25 of Columbia and has actively performed dry needling for at least
26 1 year. The supervising practitioner must document that the
27 occupational therapist under his or her supervision has met the
28 supervision and competency requirements specified by board rule
29 and does not need additional supervised sessions to safely
30 perform dry needling; or

31 2. Completion of 25 patient sessions of dry needling
32 performed as an occupational therapist, physical therapist, or
33 chiropractic physician licensed in another state or in the
34 United States Armed Forces.

35 (d) A requirement that dry needling be performed only if
36 the patient consents to the treatment and it is part of the
37 patient's documented plan of care.

38 (e) A requirement prohibiting the delegation of dry
39 needling to any person other than an occupational therapist who



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is authorized to perform dry needling under this part.

(2) The board shall establish additional supervision and training requirements that an occupational therapist must meet before performing dry needling on the head, neck, or torso if the board deems such requirements necessary for patient safety.

(3) The Department of Health shall, within existing resources, submit