



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

1                   **Senate Amendment**

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3                   Delete lines 41 - 80

4 and insert:

5 education from an entity approved by the board on the topic of  
6 dry needling. To satisfy this requirement, the instructor of the  
7 continuing education must make a determination that the  
8 occupational therapist demonstrates the requisite psychomotor  
9 skills to safely perform dry needling. The continuing education  
10 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



40 is authorized to perform dry needling under this part.  
41 (2) The board shall establish additional supervision and  
42 training requirements that an occupational therapist must meet  
43 before performing dry needling on the head, neck, or torso if  
44 the board deems such requirements necessary for patient safety.  
45 (3) The Department of Health shall, within existing  
46 resources, submit