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HB 6266 – An Act Concerning the Practice of Acupuncture

Dear Senator Jonathan Harris, Representative Elizabeth Ritter and members of the public health committee:

I sit in a unique position being both a licensed chiropractor for approximately 32 years and licensed acupuncturists for approximately 10 years. I also have been president of the Connecticut Chiropractic Association as well as having hospital privileges for both acupuncture and chiropractic.

I am in support of House Bill 6266 - An Act Concerning the Practice of Acupuncture.

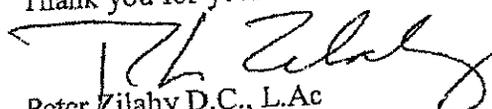
HB 6266 provides title protection to acupuncturists in our state. This title protection is an important way for the public to understand the distinction between an acupuncturist and any other licensed provider performing acupuncture.

Chiropractic is the treatment of the human body in which vertebral subluxations and other malpositioned articulations and structures may interfere with the normal generation, transmission and expression of nerve impulses between the brain, organs and tissue cells of the body, which may be a cause of disease.

Acupuncture is based on the theory of physiological interrelationship of body organs with an associated point or combination of points for diseases, disorders and dysfunctions of the body.

These are two different approaches to treatment even though the procedure may be the same. Both professions may utilize the same physical therapeutic modalities however, there is a significant distinction between chiropractors and physical therapist. Title protection helps ensure the public understands those differences.

Thank you for your consideration.


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