

**FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 12-0361  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Levy  
 Sen. Nicholson

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**Bill Status:** Postponed Indefinitely  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF ADDITIONAL TRAINED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS TO INCLUDE FIVE-POINT AURICULAR ACUDETUX.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	\$6,057	\$6,057
FTE Position Change		
<b>Effective Date:</b> The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Appropriations Committee on March 9, 2012.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013:</b> None required.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> None.		

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill allows mental health professionals to perform Auricular Acudetox under their current scope of practice if they have completed specific training. These mental health professionals include: psychologists, social workers, marriage and family therapists, licensed professional counselors, and addiction counselors. These professions are governed by five regulatory boards in the Department of Regulatory Agencies. Auricular Acudetox is defined as the subcutaneous insertion of sterile, disposable acupuncture needles on five specific locations of a person’s ear.

**State Expenditures**

*This bill is expected to increase expenditures by in \$6,057 in FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14 in the Division of Registrations for the five boards that govern the mental health professionals affected by the bill.* These expenditures are for legal services associated with disciplinary actions. For disciplinary actions that cannot be resolved by the respective board, the fiscal note assumes that one case per year will be referred to the Attorney General's Office to issue an injunction and one case for adjudication. Expenditures for an injunction are \$4,543 for 60 hours of legal services at a rate of \$75.71 per hour while expenditures for adjudication are \$1,514 for 20 hours of legal services. The fiscal note assumes that these expenditures can be addressed within existing appropriations.

<b>Table 1. Expenditures Under HB12-1141</b>		
<b>Cost Components</b>	<b>FY 2012-13</b>	<b>FY 2013-14</b>
Legal Services	\$6,057	\$6,057
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,057</b>	<b>\$6,057</b>

**Departments Contacted**

Regulatory Agencies      Law