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This session the Florida State Oriental Medical Assoc. (FSOMA) and the Florida Acupuncture Assoc. (FAA) are filing the first bill since 1999 to update the Acupuncture Practice Act (FS 457).

<u>Why now?</u> In 2023-2024, Leadership in the FL Legislature asked the profession to clarify definitions and practice related details.

<u>What's new?</u> Increased education requirements and safety standards for licensure and practice. Additional options for continuing education, including patient and risk management, cybersecurity, and advanced claims/billing integration.

<u>What else?</u> More clarity about use of professional titles, direct supervision of office staff, and patient care responsibilities.

Financial impact? No financial impact for the State or licensees.

Your local Florida Acupuncture physician has completed an average of 8 years medical training. This intense education ensures both providers' competency and patients' safety.

With a nearly perfect safety record, Florida Acupuncturists are asking for your support and vote to update the practice act for continued access to safe and effective Acupuncture services.

For any questions about the bill, please contact

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Thank you.