

Bill No.: HB0165 **Effective:** Immediately

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Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0083

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number_RO]

Prime Sponsor: Barlow

Catch Title: Acupuncture Practice Act.

Subject: Regulation of acupuncturists.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill creates the Acupuncture Practice Act (APA).
- The APA establishes the Wyoming Board of Acupuncture and specifies the Board's duties and responsibilities.
- Effective January 1, 2018, the APA requires a person to be licensed in accordance with the APA to practice acupuncture in Wyoming.
- The APA provides licensure exemptions for specified persons.
- The APA clarifies that it does not apply to other specified licensed professionals.
- The APA provides requirements related to: licensure applications, renewals and reinstatements, licensure by endorsement and licensure investigations, hearings and post-hearing disciplinary actions.
- The APA provides penalties for violations of its provisions and authorizes a person to be enjoined from practicing acupuncture if he does not maintain his license.
- The bill appropriates \$20,000 to the Department of Administration and Information to provide support and secretarial services to the Board.

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