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BILL	TITLE	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	PROGRESS	LOCATION	LAST STATUS
AK H 85	Professional License	House Rules Committee	Relates to professional licensing; relates to temporary licenses for some professions.	1st Fiscal Committee	House Finance Committee	04/12/2023: To HOUSE Committee on FINANCE.
AK S 83	Professional Licensing	Senate Rules Committee	Relates to professional licensing; relates to temporary licenses for some professions.	1st Fiscal Committee	Senate Finance Committee	04/19/2023: To SENATE Committee on FINANCE.
CA A 1264	Acupuncture	Berman (D)	Authorizes the Acupuncture Board, or its designee, upon complaint, to inspect specified premises, places of practice, or clinics. Requires specified records to be open to inspection by the board, or its designee, during an investigation initiated in response to a complaint that a licensee has violated any law or regulation that constitutes grounds for disciplinary action or issuance of a citation and fine by the board.	Enacted	Chaptered	10/10/2023: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 2023-582
CA HR 48	Acupuncture	Low (D)	Proclaims July 12 as California Acupuncture Day, and encourages all Californians to consider the use of acupuncture.	Adopted	Adopted	07/06/2023: In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Adopted by ASSEMBLY.
HI H 641	Acupuncture	Nakashima (D)	Makes comprehensive updates to chapter 436e, HRS, regarding acupuncture practitioners, to reflect modernized Scopes of practice, titles, and licensing and renewal requirements; begins with the renewal for the licensing biennium commencing July 1, 2025, requires licensees to complete continuing education as determined by the board; allows the board of acupuncture to issue licenses by reciprocity.	1st Committee	House Health & Hness Committee	01/30/2023: Subsequent referral set for: HOUSE Committee on FINANCE.
HI S 845	Acupuncture	Aquino (D)	Relates to acupuncture practitioners; provides that to qualify for licensure after specified date, an applicant shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Board of Acupuncture that the applicant meets specified educational and examination requirements; appropriates funds.	1st Fiscal Committee	In Multiple Committees	02/17/2023: Additionally referred to SENATE Committee on WAYS AND MEANS.
HI S 946	Acupuncture Practitioners	Keohokalole (D)	Makes comprehensive updates to chapter 436e, HRS, regarding acupuncture practitioners, to reflect modernized scopes of practice, titles, and licensing and renewal requirements; begins with the renewal for the licensing biennium commencing on a specified date; requires licensees to complete continuing education as determined by the board; allows the board of acupuncture to issue licenses by reciprocity.	1st Committee	Senate Health and Human Services Committee	01/27/2023: Subsequent referral set for: SENATE Committee on COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.
IA S 219	Educational Requirements for Permit to Tattoo	Green (R)	Relates to educational requirements for a permit to perform tattooing.	Enacted	Chaptered	06/09/2023: Chapter No. 102
IL S 1461	Acupuncture Practice Act	Peters (D)	Amends the Acupuncture Practice Act; makes a technical change in a section concerning activities exempt from the application of the act.	1st Committee	Senate Committee on Assignments Committee	02/07/2023: To SENATE Committee on ASSIGNMENTS.

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IL S 2284	Acupuncture Practice Act	Villivalam (D)	Amends the Acupuncture Practice Act; provides that a person who engages in the practice of telemedicine without a license issued under the Act shall be subject to the penalties provided in provisions concerning unlicensed practice; provides that for purposes of the Act, telemedicine means the performance of acupuncture provided via technology or telecommunication methods.	1st Committee	Senate Committee on Assignments Committee	02/10/2023: To SENATE Committee on ASSIGNMENTS.
KS H 2125	Cosmetology and Charitable Events	House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee	Concerns health and healthcare; relates to the practice of cosmetology and barbering; relates to powers, duties and functions of the state board of cosmetology; requires certain administrative actions to be in accordance with the State Administrative Procedure Act and reviewable under the State Judicial Review Act; provides for charitable event permits and demonstration permits to provide tattooing, cosmetic tattooing or body piercing services.	Enacted	Chaptered	04/20/2023: Chapter No. 40
MA H 247	Practice of Body Piercing	Ayers (D)	Prohibits the practice of body piercing, so-called, unless licensed by the Department of Public Health.		Joint Committee on Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure	06/02/2023: Scheduled hearing pending for: 06/12/2023.
MA H 1120	Practice and Insurance Coverage of Acupuncture	Pignatelli (D)	Relates to the practice and insurance coverage of acupuncture.		Joint Committee on Financial Services	10/31/2023: Scheduled hearing pending for: 11/14/2023.
MA H 1386	Unlicensed Body Art Practitioners or Minors	Ayers (D)	Establishes a penalty for the sale of tattooing, branding or body piercing devices to unlicensed body art practitioners or minors.		Joint Committee on The Judiciary	08/30/2023: Scheduled hearing pending for: 09/07/2023.
MA H 2162	Acupuncture Detoxification Specialists	Fiola (D)	Relates to acupuncture detoxification specialists.		Joint Committee on Public Health	09/11/2023: Scheduled hearing pending for: 09/21/2023.
MA H 2270	Practice of Dry Needling or Trigger Point Acupuncture	Santiago (D)	Relates to the practice of dry needling or trigger point acupuncture by certain health care professionals.		Joint Committee on Public Health	09/11/2023: Scheduled hearing pending for: 09/20/2023.
MA HD 101	Practice of Acupuncture	Pignatelli (D)	Relates to the practice of acupuncture.		HOUSE	01/09/2023: FILED.
MA HD 1090	Unlicensed Body Art Practitioner or Minor	Ayers (D)	Relates to selling tattooing, branding, body piercing kit or device to an unlicensed body art practitioner or minor.		HOUSE	01/18/2023: FILED.
MA HD 1117	Body Art	Ayers (D)	Regulates body art.		HOUSE	01/18/2023: FILED.
MA HD 3114	Acupuncture Detoxification Specialists	Fiola (D)	Relates to acupuncture detoxification specialists.		HOUSE	01/23/2023: FILED.
MA S 722	Practice of Acupuncture	Velis (D)	Relates to the practice of acupuncture.		Joint Committee on Financial Services	10/31/2023: Scheduled hearing pending for: 11/14/2023.

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MA S 1446	Acupuncture Detoxification Specialists	O'Connor P (R)	Relates to acupuncture detoxification specialists.		Joint Committee on Public Health	09/11/2023: Scheduled hearing pending for: 09/21/2023.
MA SD 961	Practice of Acupuncture	Velis (D)	Relates to the practice of acupuncture.		SENATE	01/27/2023: FILED.
MA SD 1092	Acupuncture Detoxification Specialists	O'Connor P (R)	Relates to acupuncture detoxification specialists.		SENATE	01/27/2023: FILED.
ME LR 148	Electrologists Tattoo Artists	Senator Baldacci	Changes the penalty for electrologists, tattoo artists, micropigmentation practitioners and body piercers found to be in violation of licensing and sterilization, sanitation or safety standards laws and rules from a civil violation to an administrative fine; provides that each day a violation remains uncorrected may be counted as a separate offense and requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a schedule of penalties according to the nature and duration of the violation. Clarifies assessment of penalties for tattoo artists, body piercers, electrologists and micropigmentation practitioners; provides that a person who fails to be licensed, violates the sterilization, sanitation or safety standards, or performs tattooing on a minor is subject to administrative penalty; provides that submitted public pool and spa plans and specifications must be sealed by a licensed professional engineer and must include a specified statement by the engineer.		Legislature	01/09/2023: Assigned Senate Paper number 75 and LD 146
ME S 75	Electrologists Tattoo Artists and Public Pools and Spas	Baldacci (D)	Clarifies assessment of penalties for tattoo artists, body piercers, electrologists and micropigmentation practitioners; provides that a person who fails to be licensed, violates the sterilization, sanitation or safety standards, or performs tattooing on a minor is subject to administrative penalty; provides that submitted public pool and spa plans and specifications must be sealed by a licensed professional engineer and must include a specified statement by the engineer.	Enacted	Chaptered	06/01/2023: Public Law No. 113
MN H 1405	Health Plan Coverage for Certain Acupuncture Services	Frazier (DFL)	Relates to health; provides health plan coverage for certain acupuncture services.	1st Committee	House Commerce Finance and Policy Committee	02/08/2023: To HOUSE Committee on COMMERCE FINANCE AND POLICY.
MN H 2508	Health Occupations	Huot (DFL)	Relates to health occupations; modifies acupuncture and herbal medicine practice.	1st Committee	House Health Finance and Policy Committee	03/02/2023: To HOUSE Committee on HEALTH FINANCE AND POLICY.
MN S 2342	Health Occupations	Hoffman J (DFL)	Relates to health occupations; modifies acupuncture and herbal medicine practice.		Senate Health and Human Services Committee	03/01/2023: To SENATE Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.
MN S 2343	Requirements for Practice of Medicine and Acupuncture	Kupec (D)	Relates to health; modifies licensure requirements for the practice of medicine and acupuncture; amends temporary license requirements for respiratory care practitioners; repeals professional corporation rules.	Passed 1st Committee	Senate Second Reading	03/08/2023: In SENATE. Second Reading.
MN S 2457	Health Plan Coverage of Acupuncture Services	Boldon (DFL)	Relates to health; provides health plan coverage for certain acupuncture services.		Senate Health and Human Services Committee	03/02/2023: To SENATE Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

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NE L 189	Natural Hair Braiding and Natural Hairstyling	Kauth (R)	Changes and provides exemptions for natural hair braiding and natural hairstyling.		Health and Human Services Committee	06/23/2023: First Session Adjourned - Carried Over to Second Regular Session.
NH H 409	Office of Professional Licensure and Certification	Pauer (R)	Relates to the organization of the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification; amends the membership of the Board of Nursing; relates to the Board of Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics, and provides for a penalty for operating without a license; provides for shop licensure; relates to Planning Boards; provides that a person who becomes aware of a failure by a third party inspector to report a construction defect or deviation from the terms of an approved project plan may file a complaint.	Enacted	Chaptered	08/08/2023: Chapter No. 235
NH H 655	Office of Professional Licensure and Certification	McGuire C (R)	Relates to the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification; consolidates administrative authority for the office in a new chapter of law; provides that the purpose of the office is to promote efficiency and economy in the administration of the business processing, record keeping, and other administrative and clerical operations of professional licensing and certification boards, including both professional healthcare licensing and professional technical licensing.	Enacted	Chaptered	06/28/2023: Chapter No. 112
(2022) NJ A 3589	New Level of Barbering License and Apprenticeships	McKnight (D)	Creates new level of barbering license and apprenticeships in barbering; establishes limits to hours of instruction for certain barbering training.	Passed 1st Chamber	Senate Commerce Committee	06/01/2023: To SENATE Committee on COMMERCE.
(2022) NJ A 4500	Licensure As Manicurist Requirements	Park (D)	Provides option for individuals to satisfy requirements for licensure as manicurist through apprenticeship.	Passed 1st Committee	ASSEMBLY	03/20/2023: From ASSEMBLY Committee on REGULATED PROFESSIONS as amended.
(2022) NJ S 3233	Requirements for Licensure As Manicurist	Singer (R)	Provides an option for individuals to satisfy requirements for licensure as manicurist through apprenticeship.	1st Fiscal Committee	Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee	12/19/2022: To SENATE Committee on BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS.
NY A 1564	Practice of Acupuncture	Rosenthal (D)	Relates to the practice of acupuncture and the exemption that a person who does not otherwise possess the credentials or qualifications required for the practice of acupuncture may engage in the practice of auriculotherapy or ear acupuncture subject to certain restrictions.	1st Committee	Assembly Higher Education Committee	01/17/2023: To ASSEMBLY Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION.
NY A 3455	Safety of Tattoo Ink	Burke (D)	Directs the Department of Health to study the long-term safety of tattoo ink and issue a report making recommendations for tattoo ink labeling.	1st Committee	Assembly Health Committee	02/03/2023: To ASSEMBLY Committee on HEALTH.

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NY A 5729	Insurance Coverage for Certain Tattoos	Paulin (D)	Requires certain insurers to provide coverage for tattooing performed by a physician as part of breast reconstruction surgery; provides that every policy providing certain coverage shall also provide coverage for the tattooing of the nipple-areolar complex pursuant to or as part of such reconstruction if such tattooing is performed by a licensed physician or other health care practitioner licensed, certified, or authorized and acting within their scope of practice.	Passed 1st Chamber	Senate Insurance Committee	06/01/2023: To SENATE Committee on INSURANCE.
NY A 6913	Mandatory Health Insurance Coverage for Acupuncture	Kim (D)	Amends the Insurance Law; relates to mandatory health insurance coverage for acupuncture services.	1st Committee	Assembly Insurance Committee	05/09/2023: To ASSEMBLY Committee on INSURANCE.
NY S 3523	Practice of Acupuncture	Fernandez (D)	Relates to the practice of acupuncture and the exemption that a person who does not otherwise possess the credentials or qualifications required for the practice of acupuncture may be trained by the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association, or other equivalent.	1st Committee	Senate Higher Education Committee	01/31/2023: To SENATE Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION.
NY S 6038	Mandatory Health Insurance Coverage for Acupuncture	Parker (D)	Amends the Insurance Law in relation to mandatory health insurance coverage for acupuncture services.	1st Committee	Senate Insurance Committee	03/27/2023: To SENATE Committee on INSURANCE.
NY S 6146	Coverage for Breast Reconstruction Surgery	Cleare (D)	Requires certain insurers to provide coverage for tattooing performed by a physician as part of breast reconstruction surgery; provides that every policy providing coverage shall also provide coverage for the tattooing of the nipple-areolar complex as part of reconstruction if such tattooing is performed by a licensed physician or other licensed health care practitioner.		Senate Insurance Committee	05/23/2023: Amended in SENATE Committee on INSURANCE.
OH H 58	Provider of Boutique Services Opportunity Act	Gross J (R)	Enacts the Provider of Boutique Services Opportunity Act regarding natural hair stylists and boutique salon registrants.	1st Committee	House Commerce and Labor Committee	02/21/2023: To HOUSE Committee on COMMERCE AND LABOR.
OH H 158	Regulation of Cosmetologists and Barbers	Roemer (R)	Makes changes to the law governing the regulation of cosmetologists and barbers.	Passed 1st Chamber	Senate Government Oversight Committee	09/13/2023: To SENATE Committee on GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT.
PA H 591	Cosmetology Law	Keefer (R)	Amends the act referred to as the Cosmetology Law; provides for definitions, for practice without license prohibited, for eligibility requirements for examination, for limited licenses, for requirements of a school of cosmetology, for practice in licensed salons only, for booth rental prohibited, for fees, for duration and renewal of licenses and for penalties.	1st Committee	House Professional Licensure Committee	03/21/2023: To HOUSE Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE.

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PA H 1490	Acupuncture Licensure Act	Gallagher (D)	Provides for the regulation of the practice of acupuncture and for approval of acupuncture educational programs; provides for exemptions from licensure, including but not limited to an individual who holds a current license, certificate, registration or permit to practice acupuncture from another state, territory or country and seeks to practice acupuncture in this Commonwealth for the limited purpose of attending a continuing education acupuncture course; defines herbal therapy and East Asian Herbology.	Passed 1st Chamber	Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee	10/19/2023: To SENATE Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE.
PA H 1897	Tattoo Artists	Major (R)	Provides for the licensure or registration of tattoo artists, guest tattoo artists, tattoo establishments and temporary establishments; regulates the practice of tattooing; imposes fees; provides for inspections by Department of Health; imposes administrative and criminal penalties.	1st Committee	House Professional Licensure Committee	12/08/2023: To HOUSE Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE.
PA S 883	Prohibition of and Disclosures for Certain Products	Mastriano (R)	Amends Title 35 Health and Safety of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes; provides for prohibition of and disclosures for certain products.	1st Committee	Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee	08/16/2023: To SENATE Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS.
PR H 566	Tattoo and Piercing Discrimination Policy	Marquez Lebron (PIP)	Establishes the public policy of the Government of Puerto Rico against discrimination for having tattoos, piercings or hair dyed in non-traditional or natural colors in public and private employment; establishes the specific prohibition of discrimination in employment against this population.	Failed	House Government Committee	03/01/2022: Withdrawn by Author.
PR S 286	Piercing and Tattoo Discrimination Policy	DeLourdes Santi (I)	Declares as a public policy of the Government of Puerto Rico the prohibition of discrimination for having tattoos, body piercings or dyed hair in public and private employment; establishes the specific prohibition of discrimination in employment against this population; amends 45 of 1998, the Labor Relations Act for the Public Service of Puerto Rico; amends Law 8 of 2017, known as the Law for the Administration and Transformation of Human Resources in the Government of Puerto Rico.	Vetoed	Vetoed by Governor	03/07/2022: Vetoed by GOVERNOR.
PR S 821	Acupuncture Practice	Vargas Vidot (PIP)	Relates to Acupuncture Practice; in order to formally adopt the practice of Acupuncture as a therapeutic option for patients in pain management; create the Board of Examiners of Acupuncturists attached to the Department of Health establish its powers and composition; establish requirements and duties to practice Acupuncture; dispose of prohibited acts and establish penalties.	1st Committee	Senate Health Committee	03/29/2022: To SENATE Committee on HEALTH.

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PR SR 14	Acupuncture Practice Study	Vargas Vidot (PIP)	Orders the Senate Health Committee to conduct an investigation on the practice of Acupuncture in Puerto Rico, the professions certified to practice it, the criteria, requirements, and preparations to practice Acupuncture on the Island in comparison with other jurisdictions, the statistics of persons authorized to practice acupuncture and statistics of the service to patients.	Adopted	Adopted	04/26/2021: Passed SENATE.
SC H 3229	Restrictions On Locations of Tattoo Facilities	Rutherford (D)	Relates to certain restrictions on locations of tattoo facilities; allows the issuance of a license for such a facility if all churches, schools, and playgrounds within the parameters affirmatively state that they do not object to the issuance, with exceptions.	1st Committee	House Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee	01/10/2023: To HOUSE Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.
SC H 3891	Operation of Tattoo Facilities	Guffey (R)	Relates to the operation of tattoo facilities; eliminates certain restrictions; relates to unlawful tattooing; eliminates certain prohibitions; relates to the prohibition of licensing tattoo facilities within a certain proximity to churches, schools, or playgrounds; allows issuance of a license with the express approval of any such church, school, or playground.	1st Committee	House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee	02/07/2023: To HOUSE Committee on MEDICAL, MILITARY, PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.
TN H 167	Tattoos and Piercings	Butler (R)	Prohibits the sale or distribution of tattoo and body piercing paraphernalia to minors.	Passed 1st Committee	HOUSE	03/13/2023: In HOUSE. Substituted on HOUSE floor by S 450
TN S 450	Tattoos and Piercings	Lowe (R)	Prohibits the sale or distribution of tattoo and body piercing paraphernalia to minors.	Enacted	Chaptered	04/11/2023: Public Chaptered. Chapter No. 90
VA H 129	Hair Styling License	Convirs-Fowler (D)	Relates to Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; relates to Board for Barbers and Cosmetology; relates to hair styling license; adds hair styling as a profession that is regulated by the Board for Barbers and Cosmetology.		HOUSE	01/01/2024: PREFILED.
WA H 1150	Offense of Unlawful Branding	Mosbrucker (R)	Creates the offense of unlawful branding of another person.	Passed 1st Committee	House Rules Committee	03/13/2023: Placed on Second Reading.