

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1278

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:**    Zehr

**3. Committee:** Health and Human Services

**4. Title:**    Auricular acupuncture; use of the five-needle protocol.

**5. Summary:** Allows any person to engage in the five needle auricular acupuncture protocol (5NP), a standardized protocol wherein up to five needles are inserted into the external human ear to provide relief from the effects of behavioral health conditions, provided such person (i) has appropriate training in the 5NP through the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association, the People's Organization of Community Acupuncture, or other equivalent certifying body; (ii) does not indicate or imply that he is an acupuncturist; and (iii) does not indicate or imply that his practice of the 5NP is regulated by the Commonwealth. Treatment utilizing the 5NP pursuant to this bill is limited to the insertion of disposable, sterile acupuncture needles into the external ear.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. No Fiscal Impact.**

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The provisions of this legislation would not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Health Professions.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** None.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.