

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

SECTION 4925-4934.2

4925. (a) This chapter constitutes the chapter on acupuncture of the Business and Professions Code. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the **Acupuncture Licensure Act**.

4926. In its concern with the need to eliminate the fundamental causes of illness, not simply to remove symptoms, and with the need to treat the whole person, the Legislature intends to establish in this article, a framework for the practice of the art and science of Asian medicine through acupuncture. The purpose of this article is to encourage the more effective utilization of the skills of acupuncturists by California citizens desiring a holistic approach to health and to remove the existing legal constraints which are an unnecessary hindrance to the more effective provision of health care services. Also, as it affects the public health, safety, and welfare, there is a necessity that individuals practicing acupuncture be subject to regulation and control as a **primary health care profession**.