

**148E.1 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Acupuncture*” means a form of health care developed from traditional and modern oriental medical concepts that employs oriental medical diagnosis and treatment, and adjunctive therapies and diagnostic techniques, for the promotion, maintenance, and restoration of health and the prevention of disease.
2. “*Acupuncturist*” means a person who is engaged in the practice of acupuncture.
3. “*Board*” means the board of medicine established in [chapter 147](#).
4. “*Practice of acupuncture*” means the insertion of acupuncture needles and the application of moxibustion to specific areas of the human body based upon oriental medical diagnosis as a primary mode of therapy. Adjunctive therapies within the scope of acupuncture may include manual, mechanical, thermal, electrical, and electromagnetic treatment, and the recommendation of dietary guidelines and therapeutic exercise based on traditional oriental medicine concepts.

[93 Acts, ch 86, §1](#); [2000 Acts, ch 1053, §5](#); [2007 Acts, ch 10, §107](#)