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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the legislature  
2 passed and the governor signed Act 251, Session Laws of Hawaii  
3 1997, to provide much demanded and much needed amendments to the  
4 motor vehicle insurance law to reduce motor vehicle insurance  
5 premiums and to preserve adequate protection of the rights of  
6 drivers. One provision tied all provider fees to the medicare  
7 fee schedule used under workers' compensation law and set the  
8 benefit for chiropractic and acupuncture treatments at thirty  
9 visits at no more than \$75 per visit. Acupuncture codes were  
10 not included in the medicare fee schedule as of the effective  
11 date of the act and acupuncturists were therefore placed under  
12 the same restrictions as chiropractors. The benefit allowed for  
13 acupuncture treatments has not increased in nearly twenty years,  
14 while rates for other services, such as physical therapy and  
15 medical office visits, have increased over the years.



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1           The purpose of this Act is to increase the authorized  
 2 benefit for acupuncture treatments allowed under personal injury  
 3 protection benefits provided through motor vehicle insurance.

4           SECTION 2. Section 431:10C-103.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
 5 is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

6           "(c) Acupuncture treatments shall be allowed for no more  
 7 than thirty visits at no more than [~~\$75~~] \$ \_\_\_\_\_ a visit."

8           SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10          SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Motor Vehicle Insurance; Personal Injury Protection Benefits;  
Acupuncture Treatments

**Description:**

Increases the authorized benefit for acupuncture treatments allowed under personal injury protection benefits provided through motor vehicle insurance.

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