



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 10, 2017

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1225**

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 10, 2017, the following bill was signed into law:

HB235 HD1 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO HEALTH  
**ACT 124 (17)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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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 Act 251, Session  
2 Laws of Hawaii 1997 (Act 251), provided much demanded and much  
3 needed amendments to the motor vehicle insurance law to reduce  
4 motor vehicle insurance premiums and preserve adequate  
5 protection of the rights of drivers. One provision in Act 251  
6 tied all provider fees to the medicare fee schedule used under  
7 the workers' compensation law and set the benefit for  
8 chiropractic and acupuncture treatments at thirty visits at no  
9 more than \$75 per visit. Acupuncture codes were not included in  
10 the medicare fee schedule as of the effective date of Act 251,  
11 and acupuncturists were therefore placed under the same  
12 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.

16           The purpose of this Act is to specify that the authorized  
17 benefit for acupuncture treatments allowed under personal injury  
18 protection benefits provided through motor vehicle insurance



1 shall be tied to the charges, and any subsequent increases in  
2 charges, permissible under the workers' compensation  
3 supplemental medical fee schedule.

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~~]. The charges  
8 for acupuncture treatments under this section shall be tied to  
9 the charges, and any subsequent increases in charges,  
10 permissible under the workers' compensation supplemental medical  
11 fee schedule."

12 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

APPROVED this 10 day of JUL, 2017



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

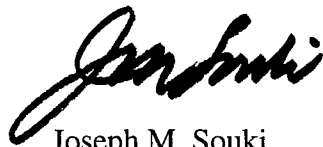


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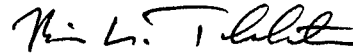
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2017  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.



Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives

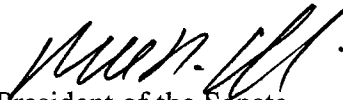


Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives


**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII**

Date: May 2, 2017  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the  
Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate