

HOUSE BILL NO. 318

1/22 Introduced  
1/22 Referred to Business & Labor  
1/22 Rereferred to Human Services & Aging  
2/11 Hearing  
2/15 Adverse Committee Report  
2/18 Bill Killed

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2 INTRODUCED BY J. Hammond  
3 Ream

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE INSURANCE  
5 LAW RELATING TO FREEDOM OF CHOICE OF HEALTH PRACTITIONERS BY  
6 ADDING ACUPUNCTURISTS TO THE LIST OF PRACTITIONERS; AMENDING  
7 SECTION 33-22-111, MCA."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

10 Section 1. Section 33-22-111, MCA, is amended to read:

11 "33-22-111. Policies to provide for freedom of choice  
12 of practitioners -- professional practice not enlarged. (1)  
13 All policies of disability insurance, including individual,  
14 group, and blanket policies, and all policies insuring the  
15 payment of compensation under the Workers' Compensation Act  
16 shall provide the insured shall have full freedom of choice  
17 in the selection of any duly licensed physician, dentist,  
18 osteopath, chiropractor, optometrist, chiropodist,  
19 psychologist, acupuncturist, or nurse specialist as  
20 specifically listed in 37-8-202 for treatment of any illness  
21 or injury within the scope and limitations of his practice.  
22 Whenever such policies insure against the expense of drugs,  
23 the insured shall have full freedom of choice in the  
24 selection of any duly licensed and registered pharmacist.

25 (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed as

1 enlarging the scope and limitations of practice of any of  
2 the licensed professions enumerated in subsection (1); nor  
3 shall this section be construed as amending, altering, or  
4 repealing any statutes relating to the licensing or use of  
5 hospitals."

6 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Extension of authority. Any  
7 existing authority of the commissioner of insurance to make  
8 rules on the subject of the provisions of this act is  
9 extended to the provisions of this act.

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