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Amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 1 Acupuncture pilot project. Resolved: That, by January 1, 2016, the Department of Health and Human Services and the department's office of substance abuse and mental health services shall apply for authorization from the federal United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to develop a pilot project to treat alcohol abuse disorders, substance abuse disorders and co-occurring disorders using the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association auricular acupuncture protocol; and be it further

Sec. 2 Pilot project standards. Resolved: That the treatment under the pilot project must be performed by project staff who have been trained to perform the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association auricular acupuncture protocol, who practice acupuncture within the scope of their license in this State and whose licenses to practice are in good standing. The Department of Health and Human Services and the department's office of substance abuse and mental health services shall consult with a statewide association of licensed acupuncturists to establish treatment standards that are consistent with the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association auricular acupuncture protocol; and be it further’

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report. The amendment requires the Department of Health and Human Services and the department's office of substance abuse and mental health services to apply by January 1, 2016 for authorization from the federal United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to develop a pilot project to treat alcohol abuse disorders, substance abuse disorders and co-occurring disorders using the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association auricular acupuncture protocol. The amendment requires the department to consult with the statewide association representing licensed acupuncturists in the establishment of treatment standards. The amendment requires that the treatment be provided by a person who is licensed to practice acupuncture in the State and whose license is in good standing.