

## **FSOMA's Legislation will solve these issues.**

**Issue #1:** The existing Acupuncture Practice Act (Chapter 457) provides no explanation nor definition for Acupuncture physicians' scope of practice, meaning many aspects of providing patient care that involves performing acupuncture and eastern medicine services is unclear to licensed acupuncture physicians, unclear to legislators, unclear to other health care providers, unclear to regulators and unclear to the general public. FSOMA wants to solve this problem.

**Issue #2:** Chapter 457 does not define [protect] Acupuncture physicians' professional titles, meaning no explicit rights exist under Florida law that allow licensees to use, advertise or identify as an Acupuncture physician or doctor of any kind. The Legislature and Department of Health have only granted the professional title "Acupuncturist" to licensees under Chapter 457: no matter their training or education. The Board of Acupuncture has created professional titles under Advertising Rule (FAC 64B1-9.007), and academic titles are earned via completing education, but are but these are NOT defined [protected] as professional titles in the Practice Act, meaning use of these Board approved and/or educational titles may be restricted at any time. FSOMA wants to solve this problem.

**Issue #3:** Other state acupuncture statutes include definitions [protections] that allow licensed acupuncturists to supervise clinical staff, order and administer injectable solutions for AIT, and order and use diagnostic imaging and clinical laboratory testing to improve patient care. Florida does not, and FSOMA wants to solve this problem.

**Solutions:** FSOMA is solving these problems by updating the Florida Acupuncture Practice Act to ensure Acupuncture Physicians are able to use their extensive training, knowledge, skills, and abilities to practice at the top of their scope to meet the needs of Florida patients. Net contributions here will be added to the FSOMA political committee – Florida Health Alliance, PC. This state-based political committee is a tax-exempt organization registered according to rules

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