

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**2014 Legislative Session**

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**Reference No.:** CB-72-2014  
**Draft No.:** 1  
**Committee:** PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
**Date:** 09/17/2014  
**Action:** FAV

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**REPORT:**

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Turner, Campos, Harrison and Olson)

Staff summarized the purpose of the legislation and informed the committee of written referral comments that were received. CB-72-2014 amends the Zoning Ordinance definition of “home occupation” to include the practice of acupuncture as a permitted use.

Council Member Olson, the bill’s sponsor, informed the committee that this bill will facilitate the ability for an acupuncturist to provide acupuncture services as a home based business. Mr. Olson informed the Committee that the practice of acupuncture is a growing field and this clarification is necessary to allow the use as a home occupation.

The Office of Law reviewed CB-72-2014 and determined that the bill is in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment. The Planning Board supports the legislation and recommended that the Committee may want to consider defining the acupuncture use in Section 27-107.01 (Definitions) of the Zoning Ordinance.

Council Member Olson informed the Committee that he is reviewing language for a possible amendment to CB-72-2014 to include a definition of acupuncture as recommended by the Planning Board. The amendment could be considered at the time of introduction of the legislation. The committee voted favorable on the legislation as drafted.