

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 421

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

ACUPUNCTURISTS: Provides for the licensing of acupuncturists

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1358, relative to the practice of acupuncture; to provide for
3 licensing of acupuncturists; to repeal the requirement that acupuncturists maintain
4 physician relationships; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:1358 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1358. Licensed acupuncturists; ~~relationship with physician~~

8 ~~A.~~ The board shall certify as a licensed acupuncturist any of the following:

9 (1) An individual who has graduated from an acupuncture school or college
10 accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine
11 or training program approved by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.

12 (2) An individual who has successfully passed the certification examination
13 given by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental
14 Medicine.

15 ~~B. The licensed acupuncturist shall establish and maintain, in accordance~~
16 ~~with rules and regulations promulgated by the board, a relationship with a physician~~
17 ~~who operates a physical practice location in Louisiana to provide for referrals and~~
18 ~~follow-up care which may be necessary.~~

DIGEST

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Abstract: Revises licensing requirements for acupuncturists.

Present law provides that the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME) shall certify as a licensed acupuncturist any of the following:

- (1) An individual who has graduated from an acupuncture school or college accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.
- (2) An individual who has successfully passed the certification examination given by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

Proposed law adds that an individual who has graduated from a training program approved by the LSBME can also obtain license certification approval by LSBME.

Present law requires a licensed acupuncturist to establish and maintain a relationship with a physician who has a physical practice location in the state.

Proposed law repeals that duty to maintain a relationship with a physician.

(Amends R.S. 37:1358)