

HB 1269 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1269**

AN ACT relative to qualifications to practice acupuncture.

SPONSORS: Rep. Schmidt, Straf. 14; Rep. Warden, Hills. 39

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill revises educational requirements for acupuncture licensure; adds an acupuncture detoxification specialist to the acupuncture board; and revises the supervision requirement for certified acupuncture detoxification specialists.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to qualifications to practice acupuncture.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Definition of NADA Training. Amend RSA 328-G:2, XII to read as follows:

2 XII. "NADA training" means the standardized auricular acupuncture protocol developed by
3 NADA [~~that is in effect on July 1, 2017~~].

4 2 New Subparagraph; Board of Acupuncture Licensing; Members. Amend RSA 328-G:3, I by
5 inserting after subparagraph (b) the following new subparagraph:

6 (c) One certified acupuncture detoxification specialist, appointed by the governor with
7 the advice and consent of the council.

8 3 Acupuncture. Amend RSA 328-G:9, II(e)(1) to read as follows:

9 (e)(1) Has earned [~~a baccalaureate,~~] ***an associate's degree or a minimum of 60***
10 ***credit hours at an accredited postsecondary educational institution, or has earned a***
11 ***registered nurse[~~]~~ or physician associate degree from an accredited institution, and has a current,***
12 ***valid license to practice acupuncture from another state whose requirements are substantially equal***
13 ***to or exceed the requirements of RSA 328-G:9, II; or***

14 4 Certified Acupuncture Detoxification Specialist. Amend RSA 328-G:9-a, II(b) to read as
15 follows:

16 (b) "General supervision" shall be provided by site visit, phone, or other electronic means
17 during business hours with at least 2 site visits per year, ***during the first 2 years of certification,***
18 ***by a licensed acupuncturist currently licensed in New Hampshire pursuant to RSA 328-G:9. The***
19 ***supervising licensed acupuncturist shall not be required to be on site for direction and supervision,***
20 ***but shall be available at least by telecommunications.***

21 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.