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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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill modifies requirements for acupuncture licensure; adds an acupuncture detoxification specialist to the acupuncture board; and updates the name of the certification commission from the NCCAOM to the NCBAHM.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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

1 223:1 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 NADA
3 ~~[that is in effect on July 1, 2017].~~

4 223:2 Acupuncture; Board Membership. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 328-G:3, I(a) to
5 read as follows:

6 (a) ~~[Four]~~ **Three** acupuncturists, **and one certified acupuncture detoxification specialist**,
7 appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council, who shall:

8 223:3 Acupuncture. Amend RSA 328-G:9, II(e)(1) to read as follows:

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

12 223:4 Definition of NCBAHM. RSA 328-G:2, VII is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

13 VII. "NCBAHM" means the National Certification Board of Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine,
14 including its predecessors and successors.

15 223:5 Change from NCCAOM to NCBAHM. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing
16 NCCAOM with NCBAHM: RSA 328-G:9, II and X.

223:6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: July 02, 2026
Effective Date: August 31, 2026