

Amendment to HB 1314

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

2
3 AN ACT relative to the board of acupuncture licensing and the licensure of acupuncturists.
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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

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7 2 Board of Acupuncture Licensing; Qualification. Amend RSA 328-G:3, I(a)(1) to read as follows:

8 (1) ~~[Be NCCAOM-certified and]~~ Hold a current, valid license to practice acupuncture
9 ~~[in another state in which licensure requirements are substantially equivalent to, or higher than,~~
10 ~~those of this state, in the case of the initial board appointees, and a current, valid license to practice]~~
11 under this chapter~~[, in the case of subsequent board appointees]~~.

12 3 Board of Acupuncture Licensing; Terms. Amend RSA 328-G:3, III to read as follows:

13 III. The terms of office shall be 3 years for all board members. ***No member shall serve***
14 ***more than 2 consecutive full terms.*** The initial board appointees shall consist of one
15 acupuncturist for a term of 3 years, one acupuncturist for a term of 2 years, 2 acupuncturists for a
16 term of one year each, and one public member for a term of 3 years. A member may be removed from
17 office by the governor and council for malfeasance, misfeasance, or dishonorable conduct.

18 4 License Issuance; Certification. Amend RSA 328-G:9, II to read as follows:

19 II. The board shall issue a license to any applicant who satisfies all of the following
20 requirements:

21 (a) Is 21 years of age or older.

22 (b) Has ~~[current, active]~~ NCCAOM certification ***or equivalent certification approved***
23 ***by the board, or has successfully passed the California acupuncture licensing examination***
24 ***(CALE)***, through examination or Credentials Documentation Review.

25 ~~[(c) Has successfully completed an NCCAOM approved Clean Needle Technique Course.]~~

26 ~~[(d)]~~ (c) Has paid the \$110 license fee and filed the application established by the board.

27 ~~[(e)]~~ (d) Is of good moral character.

28 ~~[(f)]~~ (e) Has earned a baccalaureate, registered nurse, or physician's assistant degree
29 from an accredited institution. An applicant who possesses a current, valid license to practice
30 acupuncture from another state who meets all other requirements of licensure may have this
31 requirement waived at the discretion of the board.

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1 ~~[(g)]~~ **(f)** Has successfully completed a post-secondary acupuncture college program which
2 is ACAOM or board approved. For one year from the date on which the first license is issued this
3 requirement will be waived for an applicant who possesses a current, valid license to practice
4 acupuncture in another state, provided that the applicant meets the other requirements of this
5 chapter. After one year from the date on which the first license is issued, this requirement may only
6 be waived at the discretion of the board. The board of acupuncture licensing will review on a case by
7 case basis valid apprenticeship programs that demonstrate a balanced approach of clinical training
8 and fundamental sciences and that conform to NCCAOM standards. In addition, all applicants who
9 have not graduated from an accredited acupuncture school must show proof of successful completion
10 of a college level course in anatomy and physiology.

11 5 License Renewal; Continuing Education. Amend RSA 328-G:9, X to read as follows:

12 X. As a condition of renewal of license, the board shall require each licensee to show proof of
13 having completed for each biennial period 30 continuing education units at approved institutions or
14 as approved by the board. Maintaining continuous NCCAOM certification **or an equivalent**
15 **certification approved by the board** shall fulfill the continuing education requirement [as long as
16 NCCAOM certification continues to require at least 30 Professional Development Activity points for
17 each biennium].

18 6 Acupuncture Detoxification Specialist; General Supervision. Amend RSA 328-G:9-a, II(b) to
19 read as follows:

20 (b) "General supervision" includes, but is not limited to, being available by **site visit**,
21 phone, or other electronic means during business hours[, with at least 2 site visits by] **to** a licensed
22 acupuncturist [a year], **a physician, or an osteopath licensed under RSA 329.**

23 7 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows certain persons licensed by the board of acupuncture licensing who are doctors of acupuncture to use that title. The bill limits board of acupuncture licensing members to 2 consecutive full terms. The bill also provides for alternative certification for licensure or renewal and modifies a definition of general supervision of an acupuncture detoxification specialist.