

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 421

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEGER AND WRIGHT

AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

~~A.~~ The board shall certify as a licensed acupuncturist ~~any of an individual~~ who meets both 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~~ Holds active status with the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

(2) ~~An individual who has~~ Has successfully passed the certification examination, including the Biomedicine portion of the examination, given by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

~~B.~~ The licensed acupuncturist shall establish and maintain, in accordance ~~with rules and regulations promulgated by the board,~~ a relationship with a physician

~~who operates a physical practice location in Louisiana to provide for referrals and follow-up care which may be necessary.~~

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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