

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 93 (HB 421)**

**2018 Regular Session**

**Leger**

Prior law provided that the Louisiana 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 (NCCAOM).

New law changes prior law to provide that the LSBME shall certify as a licensed acupuncturist an individual who meets both of the following:

- (1) Holds active status with the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.
- (2) Has successfully passed the certification examination, including the Biomedicine portion of the examination, given by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

Prior law required a licensed acupuncturist to establish and maintain a relationship with a physician who operates a physical practice location in the state.

New law repeals the duty to maintain a relationship with a physician.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 37:1358)