
By: **Delegates Perry, Conway, Hubbard, and Owings**
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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Acupuncture - Qualifications for Licensure**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain qualifications for licensure in acupuncture;
4 increasing the number of clinical hours required to meet a certain acupuncture
5 training standard; repealing certain training requirements that are either
6 approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission, accredited by a
7 certain national entity, or found by the State Board of Acupuncture to have a
8 certain equivalency; requiring as a condition of licensure that an applicant for
9 licensure, in addition to meeting a certain training requirement, pass a certain
10 examination; altering the name of a certain national examining entity; and
11 generally relating to certain qualifications for licensure in acupuncture.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Health Occupations
14 Section 1A-302
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article - Health Occupations**

20 1A-302.

21 (a) To qualify for a license, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the
22 requirements of this section.

23 (b) The applicant shall:

24 (1) Be of good moral character;

25 (2) Be at least 18 years old;

26 (3) Demonstrate competence in performing acupuncture by meeting [one
27 of] the following standards [for education or training]:

1 (i) Graduation from a course of training of at least 1,800 hours,
2 including [300] 500 clinical [hours,] HOURS; [that is:

3 1. Approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission;

4 2. Accredited by the National Accreditation Commission for
5 Schools and Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine; or

6 3. Found by the Board to be equivalent to a course approved
7 by the National Accreditation Commission for Schools and Colleges of Acupuncture
8 and Oriental Medicine; or] AND

9 (ii) Achievement of a passing score on an examination that is:

10 1. Given by the National CERTIFICATION Commission for
11 [the Certification of Acupuncturists] ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE; or

12 2. Determined by the Board to be equivalent to the
13 examination given by the National CERTIFICATION Commission for [the Certification
14 of Acupuncturists] ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE;

15 (4) Demonstrate the ability to communicate in the English language;
16 and

17 (5) Meet any other qualifications that the Board establishes in
18 regulations.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 1998.