

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 99

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after "Evaluation" insert "- Licensure Requirements"; in line 8, after "date;" insert "altering certain licensure requirements to include the achievement of a certain status; making certain technical corrections;"; and in line 12, after "Section" insert "1A-302 and".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 5, insert:

"1A-302.

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

(b) The applicant shall:

(1) Be of good moral character;

(2) Be at least 18 years old;

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

(i) Graduation from a course of training of at least 1,800 hours IN ACUPUNCTURE, including 300 clinical hours, that is:

1. Approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission;

(Over)

2. Accredited by the [National Accreditation Commission for Schools and Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine] ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE; or

3. Found by the Board to be equivalent to a course approved by the [National Accreditation Commission for Schools and Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine] ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE; or

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

1. [Given by the National Commission for the Certification of Acupuncturists] DIPLOMATE IN ACUPUNCTURE FROM THE NATIONAL CERTIFICATION COMMISSION FOR ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE; or

2. [Determined] PASSING SCORE ON AN EXAMINATION THAT IS DETERMINED by the Board to be equivalent to the examination given by the [National Commission for the Certification of Acupuncturists] NATIONAL CERTIFICATION COMMISSION FOR ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE;

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

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