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BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 188
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in line 20, strike “one of”.

On page 2, in line 1, after “(i)” insert “IF THE APPLICANT IS ISSUED A LICENSE ON OR BEFORE MAY 31, 2026:

1.”;

in lines 3, 4, and 6, strike “1.”, “2.”, and “3.”, respectively, and substitute “A.”, “B.”, and “C.”, respectively; in line 7, strike “1” and substitute “A”; in the same line, strike “2” and substitute “B”; in line 8, strike “(ii)”; in the same line, strike “1.” and substitute “2.”; in the same line, strike the brackets; strike beginning with “**EXCEPT**” in line 8 down through “**ACHIEVEMENT**” in line 9; in line 11, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike “**AND**”; strike in their entirety lines 15 through 22, inclusive, and substitute:

“(II) IF THE APPLICANT IS ISSUED A LICENSE ON OR AFTER JUNE 1, 2026:

1. GRADUATION FROM AT LEAST A MASTER’S LEVEL PROGRAM OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN ACUPUNCTURE THAT IS:

A. APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION;

B. ACCREDITED BY THE ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE; OR

(Over)

C. FOUND BY THE BOARD TO BE EQUIVALENT TO A COURSE APPROVED OR ACCREDITED UNDER ITEM A OR B OF THIS ITEM; AND

2. ACHIEVEMENT OF A PASSING SCORE ON AN EXAMINATION GIVEN BY THE NATIONAL CERTIFICATION COMMISSION FOR ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE OR DETERMINED BY THE BOARD TO BE EQUIVALENT TO THE EXAMINATION GIVEN BY THE NATIONAL CERTIFICATION COMMISSION FOR ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE;”