

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 86th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 891

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5 By: Senator Madison
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE LICENSURE AS AN ACUPUNCTURIST
10 WITHOUT EXAMINATION TO NATIONALLY CERTIFIED
11 ACUPUNCTURISTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO PROVIDE LICENSURE AS AN
15 ACUPUNCTURIST WITHOUT EXAMINATION TO
16 NATIONALLY CERTIFIED ACUPUNCTURISTS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-102-304 is amended to read as follows:
22 17-102-304. Application – Fees – Qualifications.

23 (a) Upon application to the Arkansas State Board of Acupuncture and
24 Related Techniques, the board shall issue to the applicant a license as an
25 acupuncturist if the person is:

26 (1) Validly certified by the National Commission for the
27 Certification of Acupuncturists; and

28 (2) A graduate of an educational program in acupuncture
29 accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental
30 Medicine.

31 ~~(a)(1)(b)(1)~~ No Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section,
32 no person shall be licensed to practice acupuncture and related techniques
33 unless he or she has passed an examination and has been found to have the
34 necessary qualifications as prescribed in the rules adopted by the Arkansas
35 State Board of Acupuncture and Related Techniques.

36 (2)(A) Applications for a license to practice acupuncture and



1 related techniques in the State of Arkansas pursuant to this chapter shall be
 2 made to the Secretary of the Arkansas State Board of Acupuncture and Related
 3 Techniques in writing on forms furnished by the board.

4 (B) The application shall be signed by the applicant in
 5 his or her own handwriting and acknowledged before an officer authorized to
 6 administer oaths.

7 (3) Before any applicant shall be eligible for an examination,
 8 the applicant shall furnish satisfactory proof to the board that he or she:

9 (A) Is of good moral character by filing with his or her
 10 application the affidavits of at least two (2) reputable acupuncturists who
 11 attest to his or her character;

12 (B) Has successfully completed not fewer than sixty (60)
 13 semester credit hours of college education, to include a minimum of thirty
 14 (30) semester credit hours in the field of science; and

15 (C) Has completed a program in acupuncture and related
 16 techniques and has received a certificate or diploma from an institute
 17 approved by the board as described in this section. The training received in
 18 the program shall be for a period of no fewer than four (4) academic years
 19 and shall include a minimum of eight hundred (800) hours of supervised
 20 clinical practice.

21 ~~(b)~~(c) Prior to approval of an institute of acupuncture and related
 22 techniques, the board shall determine that the institute meets standards of
 23 professional education. These standards shall provide that the institute:

24 (1) Require, as a prerequisite to graduation, a program of study
 25 of at least four (4) academic years;

26 (2) Meet the minimum requirements of a board-approved national
 27 accrediting body;

28 (3) Require participation in a carefully supervised clinical or
 29 internship program; and

30 (4) Confer a certificate, diploma, or degree in acupuncture and
 31 related techniques only after personal attendance in classes and clinics.

32 (c) To qualify to take the examination, an applicant additionally
 33 must:

34 (1) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;

35 (2) Be a citizen of the United States or a legal resident;

36 (3) Not have had a license to practice acupuncture and related

1 techniques in any other state suspended or revoked nor have been placed on
2 probation for any cause;

3 (4) Not have been convicted of a felony; and

4 (5) Not be a habitual user of intoxicants, drugs, or
5 hallucinatory preparations.

6 ~~(d)~~(e) The board may charge the following fees:

7 (1) Initial application for licensing, a fee not to exceed two
8 hundred fifty dollars (\$250);

9 (2) Written and practical examination not including the cost of
10 the nationally recognized examination, a fee not to exceed three hundred
11 fifty dollars (\$350);

12 (3) Biennial licensing renewal, a fee not to exceed four hundred
13 dollars (\$400);

14 (4) Late renewal more than thirty (30) days, but not later than
15 one (1) year, after expiration of a license, which late fee is in addition to
16 any other fees, a fee not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100);

17 (5) Reciprocal licensing, a fee not to exceed seven hundred
18 fifty dollars (\$750);

19 (6) Annual continuing education provider registration, a fee not
20 to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200); and

21 (7) Any and all fees to cover reasonable and necessary
22 administrative expenses.

23 ~~(e)(1)(A)~~(f)(1)(A) If the applicant is approved, the applicant shall
24 be admitted for examination.

25 (B) Should the applicant pass the examination, no part of
26 the fee shall be returned, and the applicant shall be issued a license to
27 practice acupuncture and related techniques in accordance with this chapter.

28 (C) Should an applicant be approved but fail to appear for
29 the examination, no part of his or her fee shall be returned, but the
30 applicant shall be eligible for examination at a later date.

31 (D) Should the approved applicant fail the examination, no
32 part of his or her fee shall be returned, and the applicant shall be eligible
33 for reexamination at a later date, at the discretion of the board, upon
34 paying an examination fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per failed subject up to
35 one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).

36 (2) If the applicant is not approved, the application and one-

1 half (1/2) of the examination fee shall be returned to the applicant with the
2 reasons for the disapproval clearly stated.

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