

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 405

BY REPRESENTATIVE EGAN

HEALTH: Provides relative to the practice of acupuncture

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1358, relative to the practice of acupuncture; to provide for  
3 the licensure of acupuncturists; to provide for the name change of the national  
4 certifying organization; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:1358 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1358. Licensed acupuncturists

8 The board shall certify as a licensed acupuncturist an individual who meets  
9 both of the following:

10 (1) Holds active status with the ~~National Certification Commission for~~  
11 ~~Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine~~ National Certification Board for Acupuncture  
12 and Herbal Medicine.

13 (2) Has successfully passed the certification examination, including the  
14 Biomedicine portion of the examination, given by the ~~National Certification~~  
15 ~~Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine~~ National Certification Board  
16 for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for the name change of the national organization that certifies acupuncturists.

Present law provides that to be licensed as an acupuncturist one must hold active status with the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine and pass the certification examination.

Proposed law changes the organization's name change from the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine to the National Certification Board for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine.

(Amends R.S. 37:1358)