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**Abstract:** Revises licensing requirements for acupuncturists.

Present law provides that the Louisiana State Board of Medial Examiners (LSBME) shall certify as a licensed acupuncturist any of the following:

- (1) An individual who has graduated from an acupuncture school or college accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.
- (2) An individual who has successfully passed the certification examination given by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

Proposed law adds that an individual who has graduated from a training program approved by the LSBME can also obtain license certification approval by LSBME.

Present law requires a licensed acupuncturist to establish and maintain a relationship with a physician who has a physical practice location in the state.

Proposed law repeals that duty to maintain a relationship with a physician.

(Amends R.S. 37:1358)