

1 AN ACT concerning the regulation of professions.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Acupuncture Practice Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 40 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 2/40)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

8 Sec. 40. Application for licensure. Applications for  
9 original licensure as an acupuncturist shall be made to the  
10 Department in writing on forms prescribed by the Department  
11 and shall be accompanied by the required fee, which shall not  
12 be refundable.

13 Until December 31, 2001, applicants shall submit with the  
14 application proof of passing the National Certification  
15 Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine National  
16 Commission---for---the---Certification---of---Acupuncturists  
17 examination or a substantially equivalent examination  
18 approved by the Department or meeting any other  
19 qualifications established by the Department.

20 On and after January 1, 2002, the Department shall issue  
21 a license to an applicant who submits with the application  
22 proof of each of the following:

23 (1)(A) graduation from a school accredited by the  
24 Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental  
25 Medicine National-Accreditation--Commission--for--Schools  
26 and--Colleges--of--Acupuncture-and-Oriental-Medicine or a  
27 similar accrediting body approved by the Department; or  
28 (B) completion of a comprehensive educational program  
29 approved by the Department; and

30 (2) passing the National Certification Commission  
31 for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine National-Commission

1           ~~for the Certification of Acupuncturists~~ examination or a  
2           substantially equivalent examination approved by the  
3           Department.

4           An applicant has 3 years from the date of his or her  
5           application to complete the application process. If the  
6           process has not been completed in 3 years, the application  
7           shall be denied, the fee shall be forfeited, and the  
8           applicant must reapply and meet the requirements in effect at  
9           the time of reapplication.

10          (Source: P.A. 89-706, eff. 1-31-97; 90-61, eff. 7-3-97;  
11          90-723, eff. 1-1-99.)

12          Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
13          becoming law.