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CHAPTER 205
HOUSE BILL 2321

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 32-3922 AND 32-3923, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING
TO THE ACUPUNCTURE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-3922, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 32-3922. Auricular acupuncture for chemical dependency:
5 certificate; requirements; fingerprints;
6 definition

7 A. The board may issue an auricular acupuncture certificate to a
8 person who practices auricular acupuncture for the purpose of treating
9 alcoholism, substance abuse or chemical dependency if the person does all
10 of the following:

11 1. Provides documentation of successful completion of a ~~board~~
12 ~~approved~~ BOARD-APPROVED training program in acupuncture for the treatment
13 of alcoholism, substance abuse or chemical dependency that meets or
14 exceeds standards of training established by the national acupuncture
15 detoxification association or a ~~board approved~~ BOARD-APPROVED group.

16 2. Provides documentation satisfactory to the board of successfully
17 completing a ~~board approved~~ BOARD-APPROVED clean needle technique course.

18 3. Submits an application as prescribed by the board and a fee
19 prescribed by section 32-3927.

20 4. BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019, SUBMITS A FULL SET OF FINGERPRINTS TO
21 THE BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A STATE AND FEDERAL CRIMINAL
22 RECORDS CHECK PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-1750 AND PUBLIC LAW 92-544. THE
23 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY MAY EXCHANGE THIS FINGERPRINT DATA WITH THE
24 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

25 5. DISCLOSES IN AN APPLICATION FOR INITIAL CERTIFICATION OR
26 RECERTIFICATION ALL OTHER ACTIVE AND PAST PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE
27 LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES ISSUED TO THE APPLICANT IN THIS STATE OR BY
28 ANOTHER STATE, DISTRICT OR TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES.

29 B. A certificate issued pursuant to this section allows the
30 certificate holder to practice auricular acupuncture in a substance abuse
31 or chemical dependency program approved by the board, this state or the
32 federal government under the supervision of a person licensed pursuant to
33 this chapter.

34 C. A certificate issued pursuant to this section is valid for one
35 year. The certificate may be renewed by the board if the certificate
36 holder submits an application as prescribed by the board and a fee
37 prescribed by section 32-3927 ~~at least thirty days~~ before the certificate
38 expires.

39 D. For the purposes of this section, "auricular acupuncture" means
40 the application of acupuncture needles to the pinna, lobe or auditory
41 meatus to treat alcoholism, substance abuse or chemical dependency.

1 Sec. 2. Section 32-3923, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
2 read:

3 32-3923. Use of title or abbreviation by licensee; prohibited
4 acts; posting of license

5 A. A person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter may use the
6 title "licensed acupuncturist" and the abbreviation "~~L.AC.~~" "L.Ac.".

7 B. A person who is not licensed pursuant to this chapter shall not
8 use any title, abbreviation, words, letters, signs or figures to indicate
9 that the person is licensed pursuant to this chapter.

10 C. Possession of a license pursuant to this chapter does not by
11 itself entitle a person to use the title "doctor" or "physician".

12 D. A person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter shall post the
13 license or an official duplicate of the license in a conspicuous location
14 in the reception area of each office facility of that licensee.

15 E. A person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter shall not
16 represent to any member of the public that, by virtue of that license, the
17 person is licensed to practice any modality other than acupuncture.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 12, 2018.

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