

## ACT 194

S.B. NO. 1664

A Bill for an Act Relating to Acupuncture.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 436E-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“~~[[§436E-5]]~~ **Qualifications for examination.** (a) No person shall be licensed to practice acupuncture unless the person has passed an examination and has been found to [be possessed of] have the necessary qualifications as prescribed in the rules adopted by the board pursuant to chapter 91.

(b) Before any applicant shall be eligible for [such] the examination, the applicant shall furnish satisfactory proof to the board that the applicant[:

(1) Has completed a) has received a total of not less than one thousand five hundred hours of education and training consisting of:

(1) A formal program in the science of acupuncture (traditional oriental medicine) [and received a certificate or diploma from] at an institute [or private tutorship] or school approved by the board[. The training in the science of acupuncture (traditional oriental medicine) shall] that:

(A) Shall be for a period of not less than two academic years (not less than six hundred hours); and

(B) Shall result in the award of a certificate or diploma;  
and [one]

(2) One clinical year in a clinical internship program supervised by a licensed acupuncturist (not less than twelve months and not less than nine hundred hours) [for a total of not less than one thousand five hundred hours.]; provided that the nine hundred hours of the clinical internship program may be obtained from the institute or school awarding the certificate or diploma or may be obtained under the supervision of a licensed acupuncturist not affiliated with an institute or school.

(2) Students who have completed not less than two years of a formal course of acupuncture and have received a certificate or diploma from an approved school or a qualified private tutor approved by the board shall be required to complete not less than twelve months (not less than nine hundred hours) of practice of acupuncture on human subjects in a clinical internship program supervised by a licensed acupuncturist prior to licensure.

(3) Tutorships which have been approved by the board prior to December 31, 1984, shall be acceptable for examination upon their completion; provided tutorships shall no longer be an accepted status to qualify for examination for acupuncture licensure after June 30, 1987.

(c) Any person who had a valid and current license to practice acupuncture in this State on December 31, 1984, shall be issued a license under this chapter upon application and payment of a license fee not later than December 31, 1985.

(d) (c) Students who started training prior to December 31, 1984, in a school [or tutorship program] approved by the board prior to December 31, 1984, and who [shall complete] complete their training by December 31, 1989:

- (1) Shall not lose their rights of continued education, earned or accumulated credits; and
- (2) [For] Shall, for the purposes of this chapter [their], meet requirements for examination and licensure [will be] as provided in chapter 436D and [chapter 16-72, Hawaii Administrative Rules,] rules adopted by the board as they existed on December 31, 1984, provided that the school [or tutorship] has not altered its program so as to lower the standards for completion of the program. These students may qualify for examination if they submit evidence of having completed:
  - (A) At least eighteen months (not less than five hundred seventy-six hours) of academic training; and
  - (B) At least six months (not less than four hundred eighty hours) of clinical training in the practice of acupuncture on human subjects under the supervision of a licensed acupuncturist.

(d) Students who started training prior to December 31, 1984, in a tutorship program approved by the board prior to December 31, 1984, who completed their training by December 31, 1989, and who file an application with the board by June 30, 1994:

- (1) Shall not lose their rights of continued education earned or accumulated credits; and
- (2) Shall, for purposes of this chapter, meet requirements for examination and licensure as provided in chapter 436D and rules adopted by the board as they existed on December 31, 1984; provided that the tutorship has not altered its program so as to lower the standards for completion of the program.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon approval.

(Approved June 9, 1993.)