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H.B. NO. 3106

A Bill for an Act Relating to Graduates of Foreign Acupuncture Programs.

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

SECTION 1. Section 436E-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

“(d) Notwithstanding subsections (b) and (c), effective September 1, 2000, before any applicant shall be eligible ~~[for the]~~ to take the licensing examination, the applicant shall furnish satisfactory proof to the board that the applicant has completed a formal acupuncture program and has received a total of ~~[not less than]~~ at least two thousand, one hundred seventy-five hours of academic and clinical training consisting of an academic program of ~~[not less than]~~ at least one thousand, five

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hundred fifteen hours in the science of acupuncture (traditional oriental medicine) and a clinical training program of [~~not less than~~] at least six hundred sixty hours under the supervision of a licensed acupuncturist, which shall result in the award of a certificate or diploma [~~at~~]. For applicants who graduated from an institute, school, or college⁵ located in the United States or any territory under the jurisdiction of the United States, the institute, school, or college shall be accredited or recognized as a candidate for accreditation by any acupuncture or oriental medicine accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education [~~or at~~]. For applicants who graduated from a foreign institute, school, or college with a formal program in the science of acupuncture, the applicant, at the applicant's own expense, shall have the applicant's transcripts and curriculum evaluated by a board approved and designated professional evaluator who shall make a determination whether the transcripts and curriculum are at least equivalent to that of the United States accredited acupuncture program, and that the foreign institute is licensed, approved, or accredited by the appropriate governmental authority or an agency recognized by a governmental authority in [~~that~~] the respective foreign jurisdiction and whose curriculum is approved by the board."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 18, 2008.)