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AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2981

2 AMENDMENT NO. ____. Amend House Bill 2981 by replacing 3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Acupuncture Practice Act is amended by5 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7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008) 8 Sec. 40.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.

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

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: 1 (1)(A) graduation from a school accredited by the 2 Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental 3 Medicine National-Accreditation--Commission--for--Schools 4 and--Colleges--of--Acupuncture-and-Oriental-Medicine or a 5 similar accrediting body approved by the Department; or 6 (B) completion of a comprehensive educational program 7 approved by the Department; and

8 (2) passing the <u>National Certification Commission</u> 9 <u>for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine</u> National-Commission 10 for-the-Certification-of-Acupuncturists¹ examination or a 11 substantially equivalent examination approved by the 12 Department.

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

19 (Source: P.A. 89-706, eff. 1-31-97; 90-61, eff. 7-3-97; 20 90-723, eff. 1-1-99.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect uponbecoming law.".