

Senate Bill 75

By: Senator James of the 35<sup>th</sup>**AS PASSED SENATE**

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

## AN ACT

1 To amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and  
 2 businesses, so as to delete a certain provision requiring applicants for acupuncture licensure  
 3 to pass certain written and practical tests; to provide for issuance of temporary licenses; to  
 4 provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses,  
 8 is amended by striking subsection (b) of Code Section 43-34-64 in its entirety and inserting  
 9 in lieu thereof the following:

10 "(b) An applicant for a license to practice acupuncture who does not meet the requirement  
 11 of paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of this Code section but who does meet the requirements  
 12 of paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (5), and (6) of subsection (a) of this Code section and who, in  
 13 addition, ~~meets the following requirements may also be eligible for a license to practice~~  
 14 ~~acupuncture:~~

15 ~~(1) Have~~ has a minimum of 1,000 hours of training and experience in acupuncture and  
 16 ~~have~~ has registered a business in this state, with the expressed purpose of performing  
 17 acupuncture, for at least three of the last five years; or ~~have~~ has a minimum of 2,500  
 18 hours of training and experience in acupuncture and ~~have~~ has registered a business in this  
 19 state, with the expressed purpose of performing acupuncture, for at least one of the last  
 20 five years; ~~and~~ may also be eligible for a license to practice acupuncture. An applicant  
 21 who meets the requirements of this subsection may be issued a temporary license by the  
 22 board, which license shall have the same force and effect as a permanent license and  
 23 which shall be valid until the applicant takes an examination administered by a national  
 24 certification agency accredited by the National Organization of Competency Assurance  
 25 pursuant to a contract entered into by the appropriate state agency as provided by the

1 board and the board is notified of the results of that examination, at which time the  
2 temporary license shall become void.

3 ~~(2) Successfully pass written and practical tests administered by a national certification~~  
4 ~~agency accredited by the National Organization of Competency Assurance pursuant to~~  
5 ~~a contract entered into by the appropriate state agency as provided by the board.~~

6 This subsection shall be automatically repealed on July 15, 2001 2002."

7 **SECTION 2.**

8 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
9 without such approval.

10 **SECTION 3.**

11 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.