

LEGISLATIVE BILL 19

Approved by the Governor March 29, 2017

Introduced by Kolterman, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to acupuncture; to amend section 38-2058, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements for the practice of acupuncture; and to repeal the original section.
Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 38-2058, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

38-2058 It is unlawful to practice acupuncture on a person in this state unless the acupuncturist is licensed to practice acupuncture under the Uniform Credentialing Act ~~and has been presented by the patient with a prior letter of referral from or a medical diagnosis and evaluation completed by a practitioner licensed to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery within ninety days immediately preceding the date of an initial acupuncture treatment.~~ An acupuncturist licensed under the Uniform Credentialing Act shall provide the same standard of care to patients as that provided by a person licensed under the Uniform Credentialing Act to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathy, or osteopathic medicine and surgery. An acupuncturist licensed under the Uniform Credentialing Act shall refer a patient to an appropriate practitioner when the problem of the patient is beyond the training, experience, or competence of the acupuncturist.

Sec. 2. Original section 38-2058, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.