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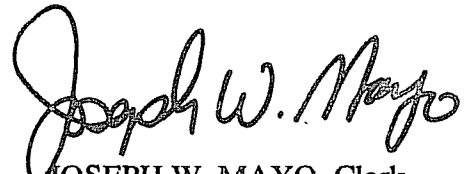
H.P. 111

House of Representatives, January 25, 1993

**An Act to Revise the Grandfathering Provisions for Acupuncturists.**

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Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GRAY of Sedgwick.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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4       Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §12408, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1989, c.  
307, §4, is amended to read:

6       B. Test-based group. The requirements for the test-based  
group are:

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10       (1) A minimum of 6 months of practicing acupuncture in  
the State as of August 9, 1989;

12       (2) Certification by the National Commission for the  
Certification of Acupuncturists;

14       (3) A minimum of 1,000 hours of classroom instruction  
16 in acupuncture and related subjects at an institution  
approved by the Acupuncture Licensing Board; and

18       (4) A minimum of 300 hours of clinical experience in  
20 acupuncture; and.

22       ~~(5) --- A --- baccalaureate --- degree --- from --- an --- accredited  
institution --- of --- higher --- learning --- or --- enrollment --- in --- a  
24 program --- leading --- to --- such --- a --- degree. --- Persons --- without --- a  
degree --- shall --- submit --- evidence --- of --- enrollment --- each --- year --- on  
26 the --- anniversary --- of --- their --- licensure --- and --- their --- license  
shall --- be --- suspended --- in --- those --- years --- for --- which --- they --- do --- not  
28 provide --- that --- evidence. --- A --- license --- based --- on --- enrollment  
in --- a --- degree --- program --- shall --- be --- revoked --- 5 --- years --- after --- its  
30 first --- issuance --- unless --- evidence --- is --- presented --- of  
attainment --- of --- a --- baccalaureate --- degree --- from --- an --- accredited  
32 institution --- of --- higher --- learning; --- or~~

34       ~~(6) --- A --- license --- from --- the --- State --- as --- a --- registered  
professional --- nurse --- or --- enrollment --- in --- an --- approved  
36 professional --- school --- of --- nursing --- in --- a --- program --- leading --- to  
a --- diploma. --- A --- person --- without --- a --- license --- as --- a --- registered  
38 nurse --- shall --- submit --- evidence --- of --- enrollment --- each --- year --- on  
the --- anniversary --- of --- licensure --- as --- an --- acupuncturist --- and  
40 the --- license --- shall --- be --- suspended --- in --- those --- years --- for --- which  
that --- person --- does --- not --- provide --- that --- evidence. --- A --- license  
42 based --- on --- enrollment --- in --- a --- diploma --- program --- shall --- be  
revoked --- 3 --- years --- after --- its --- first --- issuance --- unless  
44 evidence --- is --- presented --- of --- licensure --- by --- the --- State --- as --- a  
46 registered --- professional --- nurse.~~

## STATEMENT OF FACT

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4           Currently, persons who were practicing acupuncture in the  
6           State as of August 9, 1989 are eligible for an acupuncture  
8           license if they have 1000 classroom hours in acupuncture, 300  
10           hours of clinical experience and, as of August 9, 1989, had  
          either 2 1/2 years of practice experience or 6 months of practice  
          experience, certification from a national commission and a  
          bachelor's degree or nurse's license or evidence of progress  
          toward receiving that degree or license.

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          This bill eliminates the need for the bachelor's degree or  
          nurse's license.