

1 AN ACT concerning the regulation of professions.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Acupuncture Practice Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 20.1 and changing Section 50 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 2/20.1 new)

7 Sec. 20.1. Guest instructors of acupuncture. The  
8 provisions of this Act do not prohibit an acupuncturist from  
9 another State or country, who is not licensed under this Act  
10 and who is an invited guest of a professional acupuncture  
11 association or scientific acupuncture foundation or an  
12 acupuncture training program or continuing education provider  
13 that is approved under this Act, from engaging in  
14 professional education through lectures, clinics, or  
15 demonstrations. To qualify as a guest instructor of  
16 acupuncture, the acupuncturist must have been issued a guest  
17 instructor of acupuncture permit by the Department. The  
18 Department shall grant a guest instructor of acupuncture  
19 permit if the Department determines that the applicant for  
20 the permit (i) is currently certified in good standing as an  
21 acupuncturist by the National Certification Commission for  
22 Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine; or (ii) has sufficient  
23 training to qualify as a licensed acupuncturist in Illinois.  
24 By rule, the Department may prescribe forms that shall be  
25 used to apply for guest instructor of acupuncture permits and  
26 charge an application fee to defray expenses borne by the  
27 Department in connection with implementation of this  
28 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly. The applicant  
29 shall submit his or her application for a guest instructor of  
30 acupuncture permit to the Department. The Department shall  
31 issue a guest instructor of acupuncture permit, or indicate

1 why the Department has refused to issue the permit, within 60  
 2 days after the application is complete and on file with the  
 3 Department. The Department shall maintain a registry of  
 4 guest instructors of acupuncture. A guest instructor of  
 5 acupuncture permit shall be valid for 12 months. The guest  
 6 instructor of acupuncture may engage in the application of  
 7 acupuncture techniques in conjunction with the lectures,  
 8 clinics, or demonstrations for a maximum of 12 months, but  
 9 may not open an office, appoint a place to meet private  
 10 patients, consult with private patients, or otherwise engage  
 11 in the practice of acupuncture beyond what is required in  
 12 conjunction with these lectures, clinics, or demonstrations.

13 (225 ILCS 2/50)

14 Sec. 50. Practice prohibited. Unless he or she has been  
 15 issued, by the Department, a valid, existing license as an  
 16 acupuncturist under this Act, no person may use the title and  
 17 designation of "Acupuncturist", "Licensed Acupuncturist",  
 18 "Certified Acupuncturist", "C.A.", "Act.", "Lic. Act.", or  
 19 "Lic. Ac." either directly or indirectly, in connection with  
 20 his or her profession or business. No person licensed under  
 21 this Act may use the designation "medical", directly or  
 22 indirectly, in connection with his or her profession or  
 23 business. Nothing shall prevent a physician from using the  
 24 designation "Acupuncturist".

25 No person may practice, offer to practice, attempt to  
 26 practice, or hold himself or herself out to practice as a  
 27 licensed acupuncturist without being licensed under this Act.

28 This Act does not prohibit a person from applying  
 29 acupuncture techniques as part of his or her educational  
 30 training when he or she:

31 (1) is engaged in a State-approved course in  
 32 acupuncture, as provided in this Act;

33 (2) is a graduate of a school of acupuncture and

1 participating in a postgraduate training program;  
2 (3) is a graduate of a school of acupuncture and  
3 participating in a review course in preparation for  
4 taking the National Certification Commission for  
5 Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine examination; or  
6 (4) is participating in a State-approved continuing  
7 education course offered through a State-approved  
8 provider.

9 Students attending schools of acupuncture, and  
10 professional acupuncturists who are not licensed in Illinois,  
11 may engage in the application of acupuncture techniques in  
12 conjunction with their education as provided in this Act, but  
13 may not open an office, appoint a place to meet private  
14 patients, consult with private patients, or otherwise engage  
15 in the practice of acupuncture beyond what is required in  
16 conjunction with their education.

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

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
19 becoming law.