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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE HEALING ART OF
ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE

Introduced By: Senator Roger Picard

Date Introduced: February 25, 2016

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 5-37.2 of the General Laws entitled "The Healing Art of
2 Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **5-37.2-1.1. Board of acupuncture and Oriental medicine.** – (a) The director of the
4 department shall appoint a board of acupuncture and Oriental medicine. The board shall consist
5 of five (5) members, all of whom shall be residents of the state, four (4) of whom shall be doctors
6 of acupuncture and Oriental medicine licensed by the department and engaged in the practice of
7 acupuncture and Oriental medicine in the state for at least five (5) years prior to their
8 appointment, and there shall be one public member. The members shall be appointed for terms of
9 three (3) years; each member may serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive full terms. No
10 member of the board of acupuncture and Oriental medicine shall receive compensation for their
11 attendance at meetings of the board.

12 (b) The director of health may remove any member from the board for neglect of any
13 duty required by law or for any incompetency, unprofessional, or dishonorable conduct.
14 Vacancies created by voluntary resignation or removal by the director of health shall be filled in
15 the same manner as the original appointment was made for the remainder of the term.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would establish a five (5) member board of acupuncture and Oriental medicine
2 within the department of health and provide for the removal of board members for unprofessional
3 conduct.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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