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Re: Final Report: Proposed Adoption of Administrative Rules
Governing Acupuncturists; Licensure and Certification;
Practice—(LAC 46:XLV Chapters 21 and 51)

Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:968(D), the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners respectfully submits the enclosed report on the final adoption of the captioned rule amendments. Notice was previously published in the December 2018 edition of the *Louisiana Register*, Vol. 44, No. 12, pp. 2308-2312. The Board plans to adopt the rules by and upon publication in the April 20, 2019, edition of the *Register*.

Very truly yours,

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

By: _____


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Enclosure

**FINAL REPORT RELATIVE TO PROPOSED ADOPTION
OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULE AMENDMENTS GOVERNING
ACUPUNCTURISTS; LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION;
PRACTICE—(LAC 46:XLV CHAPTERS 21 AND 51)**
(La. Rev. Stat. §49:968(D))

By The

LOUISIANA STATE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Submitted To The

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE,
LOUISIANA SENATE,

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE,
LOUISIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

And

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This Report is respectfully submitted by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the “Board”), within the Louisiana Department of Health, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:968(D).

By Notice of Intent published in the December 20, 2018 edition of the *Louisiana Register*, Vol. 44, No. 12, pp. 2308-2312, the Board proposed to amend its existing rules governing licensed acupuncturists, in order to conform them to Act 93 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and make other substantive and technical updates made necessary by the passage of time or for consistency with agency processes. The proposed amendments update the licensure qualifications for licensed acupuncturists, remove the requirement that licensed acupuncturists have a relationship with a referral physician for referrals and follow-up care and make associated or necessary changes. The amendments also contain an annual continuing professional education requirement (15 hours) for license renewal (2129, 2149-2161) and add a section on reinstatement of licensure (2130) for consistency with current agency practices.

Concurrently with submission of the Notice of Intent to the *Register*, in accordance with La. Rev. Stat. §40:968, the Board submitted a Report on the proposed amendments to the Senate and House Committees on Health and Welfare, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.¹ Following publication of Notice of Intent the Board did not receive any written comments or a request for public hearing during the comment period provided by La. Rev. Stat. §49:953.

This Report, submitted by the Board pursuant to and as prescribed by La. Rev. Stat. §49:968(D), includes as Appendix A, a photocopy of the Notice of Intent containing the full text of the proposed rules that were previously published and appeared in the December 20, 2018

¹*Electronic Mail*, Vincent A. Culotta, Jr., M.D., Exec. Dir., La. State Bd. Med. Exam., Re: report relative to proposed rule amendments governing Acupuncturists; Licensure and Certification; Practice (LAC 46:XLV Chapters 21 and 51) (Dec.7, 2018).

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edition of the *Louisiana Register*, which the Board intends to adopt and formally promulgate in the identical form as was previously published by and upon publication in the April 20, 2019 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

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