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LEGISLATIVE BILL 962

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Committee: Health and Human Services

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

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1 Section 1. Section 38-2058, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

- 2 amended to read:
- 3 38-2058 It is unlawful to practice acupuncture on a person in this
- 4 state unless the acupuncturist is licensed to practice acupuncture under
- 5 the Uniform Credentialing Act—and has been presented by the patient with
- 6 a prior letter of referral from or a medical diagnosis and evaluation
- 7 completed by a practitioner licensed to practice medicine and surgery or
- 8 osteopathic medicine and surgery within ninety days immediately preceding
- 9 the date of an initial acupuncture treatment. An acupuncturist licensed
- 10 under the Uniform Credentialing Act shall provide the same standard of
- 11 care to patients as that provided by a person licensed under the Uniform
- 12 Credentialing Act to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathy, or
- 13 osteopathic medicine and surgery. An acupuncturist licensed under the
- 14 Uniform Credentialing Act shall refer a patient to an appropriate
- 15 practitioner when the problem of the patient is beyond the training,
- 16 experience, or competence of the acupuncturist.
- 17 Sec. 2. Original section 38-2058, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 18 Nebraska, is repealed.