

**Kristen Chevrier** proposes the following substitute bill:

**Acupuncturist Licensing Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Kristen Chevrier**

Senate Sponsor:

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies provisions related to licensure as an acupuncturist.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- creates an alternate pathway for licensure as an acupuncturist;
- creates a temporary license for applicants completing supervised training; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides a special effective date.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**58-72-302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339

ENACTS:

**58-72-302.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **58-72-302** is amended to read:

**58-72-302 . Qualifications for licensure.**

An applicant for licensure as a licensed acupuncturist shall:

- (1) submit an application in a form [~~prescribed by~~]the division approves;
- (2) pay a fee [~~determined by the department under~~] the department determines in accordance with Section 63J-1-504;
- (3) pass the examination the division requires by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;

- 30 (4) establish, in accordance with rule the division makes in accordance with Title 63G,  
 31 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, a procedure to collect a patients  
 32 informed consent for treatment;
- 33 (5) at the board's request, meet with the board for evaluation of the applicant's  
 34 qualifications for licensure; and
- 35 ~~[(3)] (6)(a) [meet the requirements for current active-]~~ submit evidence of a current  
 36 certification in acupuncture under guidelines [established by the National  
 37 Commission for the Certification of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM)  
 38 as demonstrated through a current certificate or other appropriate documentation;] that  
 39 the National Certification Board for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine makes; or
- 40 (b) submit evidence of completing:
- 41 (i) an acupuncture curriculum of at least 850 hours of instruction that covers:
- 42 (A) point location;  
 43 (B) needle technique;  
 44 (C) East Asian medical theory;  
 45 (D) human anatomy and physiology;  
 46 (E) professional ethics;  
 47 (F) boundaries;  
 48 (G) draping; and  
 49 (H) consent;
- 50 (ii) an acupuncture curriculum that meets any other requirements the division makes  
 51 by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative  
 52 Rulemaking Act; and
- 53 (iii) at least 500 hours of supervised training in accordance with standards the  
 54 division makes by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
 55 Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- 56 ~~[(4) pass the examination required by the division by rule;]~~
- 57 ~~[(5) establish procedures, as defined by rule, which shall enable patients to give informed~~  
 58 ~~consent to treatment; and]~~
- 59 ~~[(6) meet with the board, if requested, for the purpose of evaluating the applicant's~~  
 60 ~~qualifications for licensure.]~~

61 Section 2. Section **58-72-302.5** is enacted to read:

62 **58-72-302.5 . Qualifications for temporary licensure.**

- 63 (1) The division may issue a temporary license to an applicant for an acupuncture license

64           who:  
65           (a) completes the requirements for a licensed acupuncturist in accordance with  
66           Subsection 58-72-302(6)(b), except for Subsection 58-72-302(6)(b)(iii); and  
67           (b) practices acupuncture under the direct supervision of an acupuncturist licensed in  
68           accordance with Section 58-72-302.  
69           (2) The temporary license is valid for up to six months.  
70           Section 3. **Effective Date.**  
71           This bill takes effect on November 1, 2026.