

Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 37

**PART IV. PRACTICE OF ACUPUNCTURE**

**§1356. Definitions**

As used in this Part the following definitions apply:

(1) "Acupuncture" means treatment by means of mechanical, thermal or electrical stimulation effected by the insertion of needles at a point or combination of points on the surface of the body predetermined on the basis of the theory of the physiological interrelationship of body organs with an associated point or combination of points, or the application of heat or electrical stimulation to such point or points, for the purpose of inducing anesthesia, relieving pain, or healing diseases, disorders and dysfunctions of the body, or achieving a therapeutic or prophylactic effect with respect thereto.

(2) "Acupuncture detoxification", also known as acu detox, means the treatment by means of the insertion of acupuncture needles in a combination of points on the ear.

(3) "Acupuncture detoxification specialist", known as an A.D.S., means an individual certified to practice acupuncture detoxification.

(4) "Board" means the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.

(5) "Licensed acupuncturist" means an individual other than a physician who is certified by the board to practice acupuncture pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 37:1358.

(6) "NADA" means the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association.

(7) "Physician" means an individual licensed to practice medicine in Louisiana.

(8) "Physician acupuncturist" means a physician certified by the board to practice acupuncture pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 37:1357.

(9) Repealed by Acts 2016, No. 550, §2.

Added by Acts 1975, No. 665, §1; Acts 2007, No. 452, §1; Acts 2016, No. 550, §§1, 2.

**§1357. Physician acupuncturists**

The board shall certify as a physician acupuncturist a physician licensed to practice medicine in Louisiana who has successfully completed either of the following:

(1) Six months' training in acupuncture in a school or clinic approved by the board.

(2) Three hundred credit hours of continuing medical education in acupuncture designated as category one continuing medical education hours by the American Medical Association.

Added by Acts 1975, No. 665, §1; Acts 2001, No. 849, §1; Acts 2016, No. 550, §1.

**§1357.1. Practice of acupuncture detoxification; certification; promulgation of rules; public health emergency**

A. The board shall certify as an acupuncture detoxification specialist an individual who works under the general supervision of a physician licensed by the board to practice in the state or a licensed acupuncturist certified by the board to practice in the state and has successfully completed the following:

(1) NADA training by a registered NADA trainer.

(2) NADA certification.

(3) Registration with the board.

B. Pursuant to the provisions of this Section, the board shall promulgate rules and regulations in collaboration with its Integrative and Complementary Medicine Committee that it deems necessary to regulate the certification of acupuncture detoxification specialists and the practice of acupuncture detoxification in the state. Such rules and regulations shall include but not be limited to the following:

(1) Provisions regarding the adoption of fees.

(2) Provisions regarding the action to deny, suspend, revoke, or place on probation individuals who act beyond the scope of practice or engage in unprofessional conduct.

(3) Provisions regarding the general supervision of acupuncture detoxification specialists.

C. Acupuncture detoxification specialists from other states who are certified by NADA shall be allowed to practice acupuncture detoxification in Louisiana during a public health emergency and for such periods thereafter as the Louisiana Department of Health deems the need for emergency services to continue to exist, and under rules and regulations set forth by the board.

Acts 2007, No. 452, §1; Acts 2016, No. 550, §1.

**§1358. Licensed acupuncturists**

The board shall certify as a licensed acupuncturist an individual who meets both of the following:

(1) Holds active status with the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

(2) Has successfully passed the certification examination, including the Biomedicine portion of the examination, given by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. Added by Acts 1975, No. 665, §1; Acts 2001, No. 849, §1; Acts 2003, No. 62, §1; Acts 2007, No. 452, §1; Acts 2016, No. 550, §1; Acts 2018, No. 93, §1.

**§1359. Annual report by board to legislature**

The board shall report annually to the legislature concerning the status of acupuncture practice in the state. Added by Acts 1975, No. 665, §1; Acts 2016, No. 550, §1.

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**§1360. Powers and duties of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners**

In addition to the powers and duties established in R.S. 37:1270, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners may do any of the following:

(1) Adopt, revise, and enforce rules and regulations that it deems necessary to ensure the competency of applicants, the protection of the public, and the proper administration of this Part in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

(2) Approve the license of duly qualified applicants and deny, suspend, revoke, or place on probation any licensee who acts beyond the scope of practice or engages in unprofessional conduct.

(3) Conduct hearings on charges calling for the denial, suspension, or revocation of or the refusal to renew a license.

(4) Adopt fees under its authority pursuant to R.S. 37:1281, for the purpose of administering the provisions of this Part.

(5) Establish an advisory committee on acupuncture to provide such assistance as the board may deem necessary or request in the administration of this Part.

Added by Acts 1975, No. 665, §1; Acts 2016, No. 550, §1.