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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: Representative Cale P. Keable

Date Introduced: March 09, 2016

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

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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