



**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
DIGEST FOR SB 506**

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-2.5.

**Synopsis:** Acupuncture licensing. Requires acupuncturist licenses to be renewed every two years. Requires acupuncturists to maintain current diplomate status with the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. Requires acupuncturists to have a written referral or diagnosis from a licensed physician before practicing acupuncture on a patient. Requires the Indiana medical licensing board to establish standards regarding the number of hours of education and experience an individual must possess to receive an acupuncturist license. Makes professing to be an acupuncturist without a license and the unlawful practice of acupuncture a Class B misdemeanor. Allows a licensed acupuncturist to practice auricular acupuncture on a patient for the purpose of treating alcoholism, substance abuse, or chemical dependency without a referral or diagnosis from a licensed physician. Allows individuals meeting certain standards to practice auricular acupuncture on patients for the purpose of treating alcoholism, chemical dependency, or substance abuse without a license. Establishes the acupuncture advisory committee to the medical licensing board to make recommendations for licensing acupuncturists in Indiana. (This conference committee report: (1) removes the continuing education requirement for licensed physicians and nurses; (2) removes the requirement that a mental health counselor applicant's master's or doctor's degree in counseling must be from an accredited institution; and (3) establishes the acupuncture advisory committee to the medical licensing board to make recommendations regarding licensing acupuncturists in Indiana.)

**Effective:** July 1, 1999.



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**MR. SPEAKER:**

*Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the Senate upon Engrossed House Amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 506 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:*

that the Senate recede from its dissent from all House amendments and that the Senate now concur in all House amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1       Page 1, delete lines 1 through 15.
- 2       Delete pages 2 through 7.
- 3       Page 8, delete lines 1 through 5.
- 4       Page 8, line 18, delete "acupuncture" and insert "**medical**".
- 5       Page 8, delete lines 26 through 42.
- 6       Page 9, delete lines 1 through 38.
- 7       Page 9, line 39, delete "3." and insert "**2.**".
- 8       Page 10, line 3, delete "under IC 25-1-8-2".
- 9       Page 11, line 6, delete "The board may not adopt a rule that restricts
- 10      credit of an".
- 11      Page 11, delete lines 7 through 8.
- 12      Page 13, line 19, delete "4." and insert "**3.**".
- 13      Page 13, line 20, before "Sec." begin a new paragraph.
- 14      Page 13, line 35, after "IC 25-14" insert ",".
- 15      Page 13, delete lines 41 through 42, begin a new line blocked left
- 16      and insert:
- 17      "**within the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of**
- 18      **acupuncture treatment.**".
- 19      Page 14, line 10, delete "patient" and insert "**patient's**".
- 20      Page 14, delete lines 15 through 42.
- 21      Delete pages 15 through 20, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 22      "**SECTION 8. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999] (a) As used in this**
- 23      **SECTION, "committee" refers to the acupuncture advisory**
- 24      **committee established in subsection (b).**

- 1           **(b) The acupuncture advisory committee is established.**
- 2           **(c) The members of the committee shall:**
- 3               **(1) be appointed by the governor; and**
- 4               **(2) include the following members:**
- 5                   **(A) One (1) chiropractor licensed under IC 25-10.**
- 6                   **(B) One (1) podiatrist licensed under IC 25-29.**
- 7                   **(C) One (1) dentist licensed under IC 25-14.**
- 8                   **(D) One (1) acupuncturist.**
- 9                   **(E) One (1) member of the American Academy of Medical**
- 10                   **Acupuncturists who is licensed as a physician under**
- 11                   **IC 25-22.5.**
- 12           **(d) The governor shall appoint one (1) of the members under**
- 13           **subsection (c)(2) as chair of the committee.**
- 14           **(e) The committee shall meet upon the call of the chair.**
- 15           **(f) The committee:**
- 16               **(1) is an advisory committee to the medical licensing board**
- 17               **under IC 25-22.5-2; and**
- 18               **(2) shall make recommendations to the medical licensing**
- 19               **board regarding the practice of acupuncture.**
- 20           **All recommendations made under this subsection must be in the**
- 21           **form of potential rules under which acupuncturists may be licensed**
- 22           **in Indiana.**
- 23           **(g) After receiving recommendations under subsection (f), the**
- 24           **medical licensing board shall consider adopting the**
- 25           **recommendations as rules under IC 4-22-2.**
- 26           **(h) This SECTION expires June 30, 2001." .**
- 27           Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.  
                 (Reference is to ESB 506 as reprinted April 9, 1999.)

**Conference Committee Report**  
**on**  
**Senate Bill 506**

**S**igned by:

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Representative Frizzell

**Senate Conferees**

**House Conferees**