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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 19**

Introduced by Kolterman, 24.

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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,

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18 Nebraska, is repealed.