## LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA

## ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 19**

FINAL READING

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 state unless the acupuncturist is licensed to practice acupuncture under 4 5 the Uniform Credentialing Act and has been presented by the patient with a prior letter of referral from or a medical diagnosis and evaluation 6 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 under the Uniform Credentialing Act shall provide the same standard of 10 care to patients as that provided by a person licensed under the Uniform 11 Credentialing Act to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathy, 12 osteopathic medicine and surgery. An acupuncturist licensed under the 13 Uniform Credentialing Act shall refer a patient to an appropriate 14 practitioner when the problem of the patient is beyond the training, 15 16 experience, or competence of the acupuncturist.

17 Sec. 2. Original section 38-2058, Reissue Revised Statutes of 18 Nebraska, is repealed.