

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE BILL 1650**

Short Title: Increase Membership/Acupuncture Licensing Bd. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representative Fisher.

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Referred to: Ways and Means.

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April 19, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP ON THE ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING  
2 BOARD FROM SIX TO NINE.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 90-453(a) reads as rewritten:

5 "(a) Membership. – The Acupuncture Licensing Board shall consist of ~~six~~nine  
6 members, ~~two~~three appointed by the Governor and ~~four~~six by the General Assembly.  
7 The ~~four~~six members appointed by the General Assembly shall be licensed to practice  
8 acupuncture in this State and shall not be licensed physicians under Article 1 of this  
9 Chapter. The persons initially appointed to those positions by the General Assembly  
10 need not be licensed at the time of selection but shall have met the qualifications under  
11 G.S. 90-455(a)(4) and (5). Of the Governor's ~~two~~three appointments, one shall be a  
12 layperson who is not employed in a health care profession; ~~the other~~one shall be a  
13 physician licensed under Article 1 of this Chapter who has successfully completed 200  
14 hours of Category I American Medical Association credit in medical acupuncture  
15 training as recommended by the American Academy of Medical  
16 ~~Acupuncture~~Acupuncture; and one shall be licensed to practice acupuncture in this  
17 State. Of the members to be appointed by the General Assembly, ~~two~~three shall be  
18 appointed upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
19 and ~~two~~three shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the President Pro  
20 Tempore of the Senate. The members appointed by the General Assembly must be  
21 appointed in accordance with G.S. 120-121.

22 Members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Vacancies shall be filled  
23 by the original appointing authority and the term shall be for the balance of the  
24 unexpired term. A vacancy by a member appointed by the General Assembly must be  
25 filled in accordance with G.S. 120-122."

26 **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 90-453(a), as enacted  
27 in Section 1 of this act, the member appointed by the Governor who shall be licensed to  
28 practice acupuncture in this State and the two members appointed by the General  
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1 Assembly, one upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of  
2 Representatives and one upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the  
3 Senate, shall each serve a three-year term commencing July 1, 2007, and ending June  
4 30, 2010. Members described in this section shall serve for the terms for which they  
5 were appointed and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

6 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.