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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

April 22, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

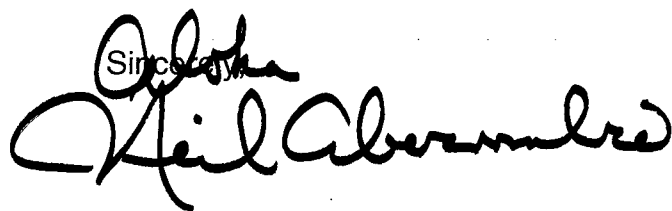
The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on April 22, 2013, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1076

RELATING TO THE USE OF THE DOCTOR OF
ACUPUNCTURE TITLE
ACT 036 (13)

Sincerely,


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii

Approved by the Governor
on APR 22 2013

ACT 036

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE USE OF THE DOCTOR OF ACUPUNCTURE TITLE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 436E-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **"§436E-13 Use of titles.** (a) A licensee who has been
4 awarded a license to practice acupuncture by the board in this
5 State may use the title of "Licensed Acupuncturist" or
6 designation "L.Ac." with the licensee's name in an advertisement
7 for acupuncture or announce or append the designation to the
8 licensee's name.

9 (b) A licensee who has been awarded an earned doctoral
10 degree may use the designation "Ph.D." in an advertisement for
11 acupuncture or announce or append the designation to the
12 licensee's name if the degree was granted from a university or
13 college recognized by a regional or national accrediting body
14 recognized by the United States Department of Education. A
15 Ph.D. recognized by the board under this subsection shall
16 designate a nonpractitioner as opposed to a practitioner or
17 "doctor" of acupuncture as provided in subsection (c).

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1 (c) ~~[A licensee who has been awarded an earned doctoral~~
2 ~~degree from a university or college recognized by a regional or~~
3 ~~national accrediting body recognized by the United States~~
4 ~~Department of Education, or who has completed a program approved~~
5 ~~by the board in the study or practice of acupuncture~~
6 ~~(traditional oriental medicine), and who has met the standards~~
7 ~~for the use of academic designations as developed by the board~~
8 ~~may use the designation "Doctor", the prefix, "Dr.", or the~~
9 ~~designation "D.Ac.", provided that the word "Acupuncturist"~~
10 ~~immediately follows the licensee's name if the designation~~
11 ~~"Doctor" or the prefix "Dr." is used alone. The board shall~~
12 ~~establish the standards required for the use of these academic~~
13 ~~designations in its rules. The rules shall provide for a time~~
14 ~~period to enable a licensee to meet the requirements for the~~
15 ~~continued use of the academic designations and shall prohibit~~
16 ~~the use of the designations after that period unless those~~
17 ~~requirements are met.] A licensee who has been approved by the~~
18 board to use the doctor of acupuncture title, may use the title
19 "Doctor of Acupuncture" or designation of "D.Ac.", after the
20 licensee's name, or the term "Doctor" or prefix "Dr." provided
21 that the word "Acupuncturist" immediately follows the licensee's
22 name if the term "Doctor", or the prefix "Dr." is used alone.

1 (d) Before any licensee shall be eligible to use the
2 doctor of acupuncture title, the licensee shall furnish
3 satisfactory proof to the board that the licensee has been
4 awarded an earned doctoral degree in acupuncture (traditional
5 oriental medicine). For licensees who graduated from an
6 institute, school, or college located in the United States or
7 any territory under the jurisdiction of the United States, the
8 institute, school, or college shall be accredited or recognized
9 as a candidate for accreditation by a regional or national
10 accrediting body that is recognized by the United States
11 Department of Education for the accreditation or
12 pre-accreditation ("candidacy") of professional post-graduate
13 doctoral programs in acupuncture and oriental medicine. For
14 licensees who graduated from a foreign institute, school, or
15 college, the licensee, at the licensee's own expense, shall have
16 the licensee's transcripts and curriculum evaluated by a board
17 approved and designated professional evaluator who shall make a
18 determination on whether the transcripts and curriculum are at
19 least equivalent to the United States recognized doctoral
20 program of study in acupuncture and oriental medicine, and that
21 the foreign institute is licensed, approved, or accredited by
22 the appropriate governmental authority or an agency recognized

1 by a governmental authority in the respective foreign
2 jurisdiction and whose curriculum is approved by the board.

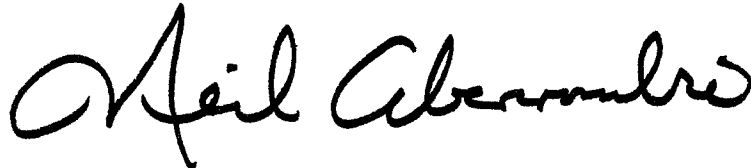
3 [~~d~~] (e) Except as provided in this section, use of other
4 titles, prefixes, or designations shall not be permitted."

5 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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APPROVED this 22 day of APR, 2013



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII