

ACT 43

H.B. NO. 3308

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Use of Academic Designations in the Practice of Acupuncture.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 436E-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) A licensee who has been awarded an earned doctoral degree from a university or college recognized by a regional or national accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education, or who has completed a program approved by the board in the study or practice of acupuncture (traditional oriental medicine), and who has met the standards for the use of academic designations as developed by the board may use the designation “Doctor”, the prefix “Dr.”, or the designation “D.Ac.”[,]; provided that the word “Acupuncturist” immediately follows the licensee’s name[.] if the designation “Doctor” or the prefix “Dr.” is used alone. The board shall establish the standards required for the use of these academic designations in its rules. The rules shall provide for a time period to enable a licensee to meet the requirements for the continued use of the academic designations and shall prohibit the use of the designations after that period unless those requirements are met.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

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

(Approved April 28, 1994.)