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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to increasing the membership on the state board of acupuncture

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 8213 of the education law, as added by chapter 772 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:

S 8213. State board for acupuncture. (1) There is hereby established within the department a state board for acupuncture. The board shall consist of not less than [eleven] THIRTEEN members to be appointed by the board of regents on the recommendation of the commissioner for the purpose of assisting the board of regents and the department on matters of professional licensing and professional conduct in accordance with section sixty-five hundred eight of this chapter, [four] SIX of whom shall be licensed acupuncturists, four of whom shall be licensed physicians certified to use acupuncture and three of whom shall be public members representing the consumer and community. Of the acupuncturists first appointed to the board, one may be a registered specialist's assistant-acupuncture provided that the term of such registered specialist's assistant-acupuncture shall not be more than four years. Of the members first appointed, three shall be appointed for a one year term, three shall be appointed for a two year term and three shall be appointed for a three year term, and two shall be appointed for a four year term. Thereafter all members shall serve for five year terms. In the event that more than eleven members are appointed, a majority of the additional members shall be licensed acupuncturists. The members of the board shall select one of themselves as chairman to serve for a one year term.

(2) An executive secretary to the board shall be appointed by the board of regents on recommendation of the commissioner.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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(3) The board of regents and the commissioner shall promulgate such rules and regulations as they deem necessary and appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this article.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.