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Bill Analysis

SB 734 creates the Oklahoma Acupuncture Practice Act. The measure establishes a license and regulatory structure for acupuncturists and creates the Oklahoma Board of Acupuncture. The Governor shall appoint five members to the Board. The Board is required to meet at least once a year and shall not receive compensation. Members of the Board shall receive mileage and per diem.

The Board is responsible for establishing continuing education requirements, ethical standards, and professional standards for the profession of acupuncture. The Board is further directed to establish tiered licensing, impose fines and fees, and keep records. The Board will deposit all fines and fees in the Oklahoma Board of Acupuncture Revolving Fund.

No person in the state may practice acupuncture after October 1, 2020 except if they are licensed by the Board. An acupuncturist licensed in another jurisdiction that is teaching in the state is exempt from the provisions of this measure for up to sixty days. Applicants for a license must graduate from an accredited program. If an individual is already licensed in another state with similar requirements promulgated by the Board, the Board may issue a license by endorsement. Individuals convicted of violating the provisions of this measure are subject to a fine of up to \$5,000.00.

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