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THE CLERK:

House Bill 5258 as amended by House A.

Total number voting	141
Necessary for passage	71
Those voting Yea	129
Those voting Nay	12
Those absent and not voting	10

(On a roll call vote, House Bill No. 5258 as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" was passed.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

The bill as amended is passed.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 419.

THE CLERK:

On Page 26, Calendar 419, substitute for Senate Bill Number 276, AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSING

REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCUMPUNCTURES, favorable report by the Committee on Public Health.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

And the Chairman of the Public Health Committee, Elizabeth Ritter of the 40 -- 38th, excuse me, you have the floor, ma'am.

REP. RITTER (38th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for acceptance of

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the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

The question is acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

Representative Ritter, you have the floor.

REP. RITTER (38th):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this bill among other things changes some of the didactic and clinical training requirements for acupuncture licensure and requires a continuing education or national certification for renewal of such licensure.

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk is in possession of an amendment. I ask that the Clerk please call LCO Number 3267, and I be granted permission to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Will the Clerk please call LCO 3267, which will be designated Senate Amendment Schedule "A".

THE CLERK:

LCO 3267, Senate "A", offered by Representative Ritter, Representative Perillo and some Senators.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

This Representative seeks the leave of the Chamber to summarize the amendment. Is there objection to summarization? Is there objection? Hearing none, Representative Ritter, you may proceed with summarization.

REP. RITTER (38th):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this amendment specifically increases the required training for acupuncture licensures from 1350 hours to 1905 hours, the required clinical training from 500 to 660 hours. In addition, applicants for licensure renewal must maintain certification by the National Certification Commission or earn specified 30 continuing education contact hours in order to get a licensure renewal. And I urge its adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of House Amendment -- Senate Amendment Schedule "A". Will you remark on the amendment?

Representative Ritter.

Will you remark further on the amendment?

Representative Perillo of the 113th.

REP. PERILLO (113th):

Mr. Speaker, thank you very much. I'd just like

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to briefly say this amendment was a collaborative effort. It involved all stakeholders in a very fair and equitable manner. I would urge adoption of the amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Will you remark further on the amendment? Will you remark further on the amendment? If not, I will try your minds.

All those in favor please signify by saying aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Opposed, nay.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

-The ayes have it and the amendment is adopted.

Will you remark further on the bill as amended?

Will you remark further?

If not, will staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Would the members please take your seats, the machine will be open.

THE CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll call; members to the Chamber. The House is taking a

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roll call vote, members to the Chamber, please.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? Please check the roll call board to make sure your vote has been properly cast. If all the members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will please take a tally. Clerk, please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill 276 as amended by Senate A, in
concurrence with the Senate.

Total number voting	140
Necessary for passage	71
Those voting Yea	140
Those voting Nay	1
Those absent and not voting	11

(On a roll call vote, Senate Bill 276 as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A" was passed in concurrence with the Senate.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

The bill is amended as passed.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 363.

THE CLERK:

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RSB 276 – An Act Concerning Licensing Requirements for Acupuncturists

**Testimony of Carrie Sawtell, L.Ac.
Public Health Committee Public Hearing March 7th, 2012**

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, and Members of the Public Health Committee:

I am a licensed acupuncturist in the State of Connecticut. I own a Community Acupuncture clinic in Windsor that currently provides about 80 treatments per week to the residents of Windsor and its surrounding communities, such as Hartford, Bloomfield, Granby, and Windsor Locks. I opened my clinic in May of 2010 and am already thinking about hiring another acupuncturist, because the need for affordable acupuncture services is so great in this area.

Thank you for raising SB 276. I am hoping you will approve the bill in the Committee, with the revisions and recommendations that the Connecticut Society of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (CSAOM) is working on with the Department of Public Health. One of the first questions I am asked by prospective patients is if I am licensed or certified and what kind of education I have received. Most people do not know that I completed a four-year Master's degree and then sat for a National Certification Exam in order to become a licensed acupuncturist. Having our educational hours, exams, and professional development credits clearly stated in the law is important for my practice, my patients, and my potential patients.

More and more consumers are seeking out Traditional Chinese Medicine as an adjunct to their Western medical care. Some have chronic illnesses that do not respond well to Western medicine. Others are trying to reduce their usage of prescription drugs, or are looking for alternatives to invasive surgery. Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine excel at treating these kinds of issues. It is imperative that we provide our citizens the information they need to make an informed decision about what kind of alternative medicine is best for them. Having up-to-date licensing requirements will help consumers make these informed decisions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carrie Sawtell, L.Ac.

cc: Senator Beth Bye

Representative David Baram



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**Testimony of Joan-Alice Taylor, PT, Psy.D., LPC, FABDA, CBT
 President, CT Physical Therapy Association**

In support of

**SB 276, AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR
 ACUPUNCTURISTS**

**Before the Joint Committee on Public Health
 March 7, 2012**

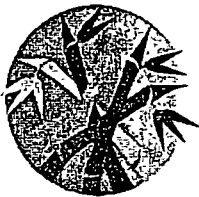
Chairperson Gerratana, Chairperson Ritter, Members of the Public Health Committee, my name is Joan-Alice Taylor and I am the President of the Connecticut Physical Therapy Association. **I am here today to testify in support of SB 276, AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR ACUPUNCTURISTS**

In some jurisdictions, "dry needling" has become a source of controversy between physical therapists and acupuncturists. Dry needling is the use of solid filiform needles for therapy of muscle pain, sometimes also known as intramuscular stimulation. The needles are sold by some companies as "acupuncture needles" but their use is not exclusive to acupuncture.

We would like to publicly thank the sponsors of this bill for including the language in section (g) that clarifies that this act would not prohibit the use of such a technique by a physical therapist as long as performed consistent with accepted standards within the physical therapy profession.

Thank-you again for the opportunity to testify before the Committee. I would be happy to answer any questions and look forward to continuing to work with the Committee throughout the session.

Joan-Alice Taylor, P.T., Psy.D., L.P.C., F.A.B.D.A., C.B.T.



*Niantic Acupuncture & Family Wellness
Margaret Barili, LAc, RN, Dipl.Ac
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PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY LETTER

Monday, March 5, 2012

RSB 276 – An Act Concerning Licensing Requirements for Acupuncturists

**Testimony of Margaret C. Barili, RN, LAc, Dipl.Ac
Public Health Committee Public Hearing March 7th, 2012**

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, and Members of the Public Health Committee:

My name is Margaret Barili. I am a Registered Nurse, Nationally Certified, and Licensed Acupuncturist in the State of Connecticut. I am a small business owner of a private practice of Acupuncture and family holistic health care in Niantic, CT called Niantic Acupuncture and Family Wellness. I also live in Niantic where I serve my community as well as clients coming from a larger portion of South East, Northern Coastal, and central Connecticut. I have been practicing in Connecticut for a little over 2 years having recently relocated from the Bay Area of California where I also held a private Oriental Medicine practice and simultaneously worked as a Critical Care and Emergency RN at El Camino Hospital, also in the Bay area. I moved to Connecticut to be closer to family, marry a Connecticut resident, and to follow my goal and aspiration to live and practice my medicine in same town.

I am grateful to the committee for raising SB 276 and would like to encourage your approval of this bill which contains some rather clear and simple updates to the language. The revisions are being recommended by the CSAOM who is working on these changes with the DPH and are intended to bring the requirements for licensing of Acupuncturists to the level that is required by the NCCAOM, National Committee for Certification in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. There is proposed language, as well, to require that CT licensed Acupuncturists retain their National Certification and/or meet the same requirements for recertification in profession development and continuing education. Having these requirements clearly spelled out in our law is something that provides assurance to our patients, consumers and other health professionals that licensed Acupuncturists are specialized, credible, well educated, certified health professionals.

Currently in my practice in Niantic, I see patients of all ages who walk through my door either via their own decision, or who are referred to me by local MD's who believe that we can work together integratively to provide effective care and healing for our mutual clients. I have seen some of my clients experience significant pain relief creating a reduced dependency on narcotics, analgesics and NSAIDS, especially when those drugs in their higher quantities were becoming a cause for health concern. I have seen many of my clients find relief of emotional instability, better diabetic blood sugar control, lessening or disappearance of troublesome symptoms of stress, menopause, gastrointestinal disorders or frequent acute illnesses such as coughs, colds, and sinus infections. This list and studies to support all of this and more is extensive.

As a Masters degreed, Nationally Certified Acupuncturist, I am able to help create these successful outcomes due to my ability to assess, diagnose and treat which comes from my extensive 4-5 year post graduate training consisting of greater than 3000 hours of didactic courses and clinical internships.

Again, thank you so very much for your consideration of the updates proposed in this bill by the CSAOM to clearly state and update our standards for our profession.

Sincerely,

Margaret C. Barili RN, LAc, Dipl.Ac

CC: Senator Stillman

Representative Jutilla



David R. LoPriore Sensei, L. Ac.

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A PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY LETTER

6 March 2012

re: **RSB 276 – An Act Concerning Licensing Requirements for Acupuncturists**
For the Public Health Committee Public Hearing March 7th, 2012

Testimony of David R. LoPriore, Owner and Director, Acupuncture, Shiatsu & Oriental Medicine of New England clinic, and Headmaster, Kosho Shorei Shin Kai and Bushidokai Dojo, of East Lyme, Connecticut.

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, and Members of the Public Health Committee:

My name is David LoPriore. I have lived in Connecticut my entire adult life, and am a Licensed Acupuncturist in the State of Connecticut, as well as a teacher of traditional Asian arts of self-cultivation and holistic wellness. Having served the citizens of Connecticut and many other Americans in these capacities for the past twenty-seven years, I feel a great kinship and responsibility toward my community and continue to work enthusiastically for the holistic health of citizens of Connecticut. I live in Niantic with my wife and four daughters, and teach and practice in East Lyme. My patients and students live all over southeastern Connecticut especially in East Lyme, Lyme, Waterford, Norwich, Colchester, Groton and Storington, up and down the shoreline, and many travel from the northern and western parts of Connecticut. Because of my seniority and reputation as an Acupuncturist and teacher, many patients and students travel here for my services from other states, including Rhode Island, New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Washington, and South Carolina, and other countries, including Japan, Brazil, and Ireland most recently. My family and I love the beautiful, peaceful environment of our Connecticut beaches and shoreline, and the people who live here. I feel fortunate to be able to share our state's beauty and resources with the many visitors I host, provide quality holistic healthcare for, and teach.

I would like to thank the Committee for raising SB 276 and encourage you to approve the bill in your Committee, with the revisions and recommendations that the Connecticut Society for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (CSAOM), of which I am a member, is working on with the Department of Public Health. It is absolutely essential to the health and wellness of Connecticut's citizens to have comprehensive licensing and practice requirements for the appropriate administration of acupuncture and Oriental medical services. Requiring the current industry standards for qualifications for professional healthcare providers in this medicine, such as education hours, the passing of professional qualifying exams, ongoing professional development, and nationally-recognized certification will keep the public from receiving sub-standard, unsafe and even dangerous medical care at the hands of unqualified, untrained or under-trained people. This includes healthcare providers of other specialties such as Chiropractors and MDs, even if they are well-meaning, who do not possess the qualifications to administer acupuncture services. Over the last twenty years, many patients and others whom I have spoken to have received inappropriate, sub-standard and in many cases injury-causing treatments via "acupuncture" and other techniques represented as Oriental medicine administered by "practitioners" who have been unqualified, under- and uneducated in this modality. This hurts patients, it hurts my profession, and it reduces confidence in this exceptionally beneficial ancient medicine. Please update the law to reflect what is appropriate to qualify Connecticut State Licensed Acupuncturists correctly in the acupuncture profession.

I thank the Committee for their consideration of RSB 276.

Sincerely,

(Electronically-signed)

David R. LoPriore, L.Ac.

CC: State Senator Andrea Stillman and State Representative Ed Jutila

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RSB 276 – An Act Concerning Licensing Requirements for Acupuncturists

Testimony of Joe Pandolfo
Public Health Committee Public Hearing March 7th, 2012

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, and Members of the Committee:

I'm writing in support of SB 276 as a patient, as a citizen engaged in health care policy issues and member of the Legislature's 2010 Sustinet Preventive Care Advisory Committee, and on behalf of the Connecticut Society of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (CSAOM). I've lived in Connecticut since childhood, raised my own family here, and have spent my entire academic and professional life in the state, intending to retire here.

I want to thank you for raising SB 276 – An Act Concerning Licensing Requirements for Acupuncturists. I encourage you to not only approve the bill in Committee but to also support its passage on the Senate and House floors.

This proposal was introduced to bring the Acupuncturists' licensing law up to date with the actual curriculum and examination standards presently required for state licensure. The proposal also adds reference to the Acupuncture certification granted by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine that our state's licensees receive upon completion of required exams, making maintenance of the certification a condition of license renewal. These education, exam and professional development standards reflect the depth of today's acupuncture and Oriental medicine practice. And, inclusion of these current standards in the statute more accurately informs consumers as well as other health professionals about the quality of the services that Acupuncturists provide to their patients.

The bill before you is being developed with recommendations from the Department of Public Health, as we at the CSAOM have sought the Department's input on appropriate grand-parenting provisions for existing licensees. We look forward to finalizing those details in collaboration with the Department and will furnish final bill language immediately upon completing that work.

The value of the services provided to Connecticut patients by fully credentialed Acupuncturists is becoming better recognized and more widely utilized; for example in the integration of Acupuncturist services at many of our state's hospitals. Your support of legislation that reflects the current standards of this profession adds public health value, and is very much appreciated by patients like me.

Thank for your consideration, and for all your good work to improve public health and public health information for Connecticut citizens.

Cc: Senate President Pro Tempore Donald Williams
Representative Gregory Haddad



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Testimony of the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM):

Public Health Committee Public Hearing March 7th, 2012

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, and Members of the Public Health Committee:

As the Chief Executive Officer of the NCCAOM, I am pleased to see that the state of Connecticut is considering adding NCCAOM certification as a requirement for licensure for acupuncture versus the requirement to only pass NCCAOM examinations. The requirement for certification by the NCCAOM will best ensure that licensed acupuncturists in the state of Connecticut meet recognized national standards of competence and safety in the acupuncture profession as set forth by the NCCAOM and have maintained their certification in good standing through a thorough NCCAOM recertification process.

The NCCAOM's highest priority is its commitment to the public to ensure the safe practice of acupuncture and this is manifested through its mission, which is *to promote nationally recognized standards of competency and safety in acupuncture and Oriental medicine for the purpose of protecting the public*. As such, we fulfill our mission by 1) establishing national standards of competency for the safe and effective practice of acupuncture; 2) evaluate applicant qualifications through a robust eligibility process; 3) assess candidates for certification based valid and legally defensible examinations; 4) require candidates for certification and Diplomates to adhere to the NCCAOM[®] Code of Ethics, as well as 5) ensure that certified practitioners maintain their competency to practice through documentation of professional development activities.

In order to qualify for NCCAOM Certification in Acupuncture, applicants are required to meet extensive academic and supervised clinical practice standards.



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NCCAOM considers these standards of eligibility, as well as successful performance on the examinations to be the minimum requirements for the safe practice of acupuncture. In addition, all active NCCAOM certified practitioners must complete a thorough and well documented recertification process every four years. Certified practitioners must complete a total of 60 hours of professional development activity hours which requires documentation of completion of an ethics or safety course, valid CPR certificate, and a minimum of 22 additional coursework in core competency; therefore, the NCCAOM Professional Development Activity process ensures that practitioners who have completed the recertification process that documents maintenance of competency as a Diplomat of Acupuncture.

Currently, Connecticut requires the successful completion of the acupuncture portion of the NCCAOM's former Comprehensive Written Examination (CWE) in Acupuncture, the Clean Needle Technique Portion (CNTPT) of the Comprehensive Written Examination (CWE) in Acupuncture and the Practical Examination of Point Location Skills (PEPLS). These exams were retired in 2004 and replaced with a modular examination system that now includes a Biomedicine examination in the NCCAOM certification requirements. By requiring full NCCAOM certification in Acupuncture, the state regulatory board in Connecticut will safeguard its consumers by ensuring that its practitioners have successfully passed the most valid and current NCCAOM examinations, based on the latest job analysis survey.

The NCCAOM also oversees the safe practice of the profession as stated in our mission by partnering with the states to discipline certified practitioners who have violated the *NCCAOM[®] Code of Ethics* (please see the accompanying handout) preventing them from moving to another state that might be unaware of their violations. The Professional Ethics and Disciplinary Committee (PEDC) of the NCCAOM has the authority to evaluate complaints against Diplomates, issue decisions and impose sanctions, which prevent. States that require NCCAOM certification further protect their consumers from the unsafe practice of acupuncture since acupuncturists who have been disciplined by the NCCAOM for ethical and/or criminal violations cannot renew their license to practice acupuncture until those sanctions have been lifted by the NCCAOM.

It is the sincere hope of the NCCAOM that, in the interest of public welfare, the state of Connecticut recognizes the need for modifying their licensing procedures by requiring NCCAOM certification for



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all acupuncture practitioners. The unprecedented growth and acceptance of acupuncture is due in no small part to the existence of a legitimate certification and examination program based upon national standards. Clearly, acupuncture services will be a major part of the healthcare landscape in years to come, as evidenced by recent studies and recommendations by the National Institutes of Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information. If I can answer any additional questions about the NCCAOM certification, please contact me by email at kwardcook@thenccaom.org or by phone at 904-674-2501.

Sincerely,

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**Testimony of Regina Walsh, LAc, President the Connecticut Society of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine
 Public Health Committee Public Hearing March 7th, 2012**

**Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter,
 and Members of the Public Health Committee:**

The Connecticut Society of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (CSAOM) represents the Licensed Acupuncturists in the state. It is also a member of the Council of State Associations of the American Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. It is the goal of the CSAOM to continue to increase public safety, improve the level of medical care provided through acupuncture services, and increase the education standards of our practitioners in order to maintain the national standards as established by the profession.

Our organization would like to thank the Committee for considering and raising SB 276, and encourage the Committee to approve the bill and endorse its passage in the Assembly, with the revisions that we are in the process of finalizing with the assistance of the Department of Public Health.

From its enactment in 1995 the statute has applied, and the DPH has recognized, the Acupuncturist education requirements of the profession's national accrediting body, the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM). The education hours required by ACAOM have increased since the statute was initially written. Accredited schools, their students and the national certification body follow the increase, but the statute has not yet been revised accordingly.

This bill proposal updates the required acupuncture education hours to 1,905, including 660 clinical hours. This would make the statute consistent with the current recognized national standards of the ACAOM

As the licensing agency for Acupuncturists under the statute, the DPH has historically applied the professional written and practical exams developed and certified by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM). As DPH publications describe, state license applicants must demonstrate "Successful completion of all portions of the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) acupuncture examination".

By specifying the exams required for full certification in Acupuncture, the statute will safeguard consumers by ensuring that practitioners have successfully passed the most valid and current NCCAOM examinations, based on the latest job analysis survey.

Additionally, the proposal requires continued maintenance of that certification for those Acupuncturists licensed in accordance with the standard education and NCCAOM certification exam requirements.

Connecticut is one of a few states nationally that does not require continuing education for license renewal. The CSAOM believes it is important to maintain a standard of quality in acupuncture services through the continuing education of its practitioners. Requiring that licensees maintain their NCCAOM certification is an efficient way to achieve this objective.

As always, I appreciate the Public Health Committee's consideration of the requests made by the Connecticut Licensed Acupuncturists. Legislative improvements improve the practice of our profession, as I have known in my own private practice in New Canaan, and in my own volunteer work for the past ten years in the state and national Boards of our professional organizations.

Best regards,

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Senator Gerratana.

SENATOR GERRATANA:

Madam President, if there's no objection, I would
request this bill be placed on our Consent Calendar?

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 4, Calendar 91, Substitute for Senate Bill
Number 276, AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS
FOR ACUPUNCTURISTS, favorable report of the committee
on Public Health.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Gerratana.

SENATOR GERRATANA:

Thank you, Madam President.

I move acceptance of the joint committees' favorable
report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

On acceptance and passage, will you remark, please?

SENATOR GERRATANA:

Thank you, Madam President.

Certainly, from time to time, we do get requests from
a variety of professions who work in the public health
area, and this is one of them to update some of their
licensure requirements. And this request comes from
the acupuncturists. Because of that, I do have an
amendment, Madam President, just to make some
corrections to the underlying bill.

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If the Clerk will call LCO Number 3267, and I'd be allowed to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

LCO Number 3267, Senate Amendment Schedule "A" offered by Senators Gerratana, Ritter and Welch and Representative Perillo.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Gerratana.

SENATOR GERRATANA:

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

-- on adoption?

SENATOR GERRATANA:

On adoption, I'm sorry --

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

SENATOR GERRATANA:

-- on the amendment.

On the amendment, itself, these changes that are before us are some fine tuning changes to the underlying bill regarding the testing process that is used, as well as the number of hours that are required for study and didactic and clinical training.

The underlying bill, itself, had some further technical changes but, as I did say, I move adoption.

THE CHAIR:

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Will you remark? Will you remark?

All in favor of the amendment please let me hear the word aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed?

Amendment passes.

Senator Gerratana.

SENATOR GERRATANA:

Thank you, Madam President.

With the adoption of that amendment, if there's no objection, I ask that this bill placed on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR GERRATANA:

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, if we might return to the item that was just passed temporarily, we were waiting for a an

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Madam President, if we might call now to have the Clerk read the items on the Consent Calendar and then to move to a vote on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, will you please read the items on the Consent Calendar.

THE CLERK:

On page 1, Calendar 300, House Joint Resolution Number 78; page 1, Calendar 301, House Joint Resolution Number 79.

Page 2 Calendar 302, House Joint Resolution Number 80; page 2, Senate Bill -- Calendar Number 64, Senate Bill 37.

Page 3, Calendar 89, Senate Bill 56.

Page 4, Calendar 110, Senate Bill 184; page 4, Calendar 91, Senate Bill Number 276.

Page 5, Calendar 127, Senate Bill 320.

Page 8, Calendar 203, Senate Bill 408.

Page 9, Calendar 226, Senate Bill 411; also, on page 9, Calendar 224, Senate Bill Number 339.

Page 10, Calendar 232, Senate Bill Number 186.

On page 11, Calendar 238, House Bill 5250.

On page 12, Calendar 258, Senate Bill 340; also on page 12, Calendar 259, Senate Bill 157; page 12, Calendar 265, Senate Bill 176.

Page 13, Calendar 271, Senate Bill 350; page 13, Calendar 273, Senate Bill 293; page 13, Calendar 274, Senate Bill 294.

Page 14, Calendar 285, Senate Bill 404.

Page 15, Calendar 296, Senate Bill Number 307.

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And page 24, Calendar 132, Senate Bill 337.

THE CHAIR:

The Senate will stand at ease for a second.

(Chamber at ease.)

THE CHAIR:

Okay. Those are the items listed. The machine will be open.

Mr. Clerk, will you please call for a roll call vote on the Consent Calendar. Thank you.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate.
Senators please return to the chamber. Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all members voted? If all members voted, the machine will be locked.

And Mr. Clerk, will you please call the tally.

THE CLERK:

On today's Consent Calendar.

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for passage	19
Those voting Yea	35
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	1

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar has passed.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY.