

Dear [LEGISLATOR'S NAME]:

I am writing to:

1. Inform you of the Acupuncture Certification for Massage Therapists class being held in Illinois
2. Request your assistance in preventing this class from occurring with course outcomes, including certification for Acupuncture practice, as presently advertised and promoted

Many of the Asian and Oriental Medicine community in Illinois, including Licensed Acupuncturists and students of Midwest College of Oriental Medicine and Pacific College of Oriental Medicine, have been receiving "evites" (email invitations) to the following class:

Acupuncture Certification for Massage Therapists

- **Host:** Kaminsky Group, LLC
- **Phone:** 847-573-1300
- **When:** Friday, May 25 at 4:00 PM to Sunday, May 27 at 3:00 PM
- **Where:** Illinois Medical Acupuncture Association
10 Phillip Road, Suite 114
Vernon Hills, IL 60061

CITATION: Please see link: <http://new.evite.com/services/events/002BNC2ZTL7RSYAS4EPBNFQ7CHF4I/export/print>

The course content is described as follows: **"The Practical Acupuncture course is ideal for physicians and allied medical personnel including physical and occupational therapists, as well as, nurses who desire to add acupuncture to their therapeutic regime as a treatment modality. This program is recommended for allied medical personnel who will be working under direct physician supervision. All Blue Heron eLearning programs are state licensed. This eLearning program has been state licensed at 225 clock hours."**

CITATION: Please see link: http://www.illinoismedicalacupuncture.org/PAC_FactSheet_IL2012.pdf

The Illinois Acupuncture Practice Act mandates that the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) shall issue an Acupuncture license to applicants who: 1) (A) graduate from a school accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine or a similar accrediting body approved by the IDFPR or (B) completion of a comprehensive educational program approved by the IDFPR and 2) pass the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine examination or a substantially equivalent examination approved by the IDFPR. Therefore those who may practice Acupuncture in Illinois include: 1. An Illinois state licensed acupuncturist and 2. A physician or dentist licensed in Illinois.

CITATION: Please see 225 ILCS 2/) Acupuncture Practice Act or link:
<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=1290&ChapterID=24>

The Kaminsky Group et al advertising this class with course outcomes including needling "under direct physician supervision" is misleading, wrongly implies that attendees of this class can legally practice acupuncture in Illinois and thus enables the collection of course fees under false pretences.

Illinois state Acupuncture licensure and certification requires a course regimen of 1950 hours, including 890 hours in Acupuncture technique, 400 hours in biomedicine, 150 clinical observational hours and 500 clinic practical hours.

CITATION: Ibid or please see link: <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=1290&ChapterID=24>

Minimally trained personnel practicing Acupuncture in Illinois without an Illinois state license in Acupuncture, whether or not under physician supervision, are in violation of IDFPR regulation and present a clear public health and safety risk.

Thank you for your assistance in resolving this matter,

[NAME]

[AFFILIATION, for example, School, Healthcare Practice, etc]

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