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1 AN ACT Relating to acupuncture; and amending RCW 4.24.240,  
2 4.24.290, 7.70.020, 18.06.010, 18.06.020, 18.06.045, 18.06.080,  
3 18.06.090, 18.06.110, 18.06.120, 18.06.130, 18.06.140, 18.06.170,  
4 18.06.190, 18.06.200, 18.120.020, and 18.130.040.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 4.24.240 and 1985 c 326 s 25 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 (1)(a) A person licensed by this state to provide health care or  
9 related services, including, but not limited to, a ((certified))  
10 licensed acupuncturist, a physician, osteopathic physician, dentist,  
11 nurse, optometrist, ((podiatrist)) podiatric physician and surgeon,  
12 chiropractor, physical therapist, psychologist, pharmacist, optician,  
13 physician's assistant, osteopathic physician's assistant, nurse  
14 practitioner, including, in the event such person is deceased, his or  
15 her estate or personal representative;

16 (b) An employee or agent of a person described in subparagraph (a)  
17 of this subsection, acting in the course and scope of his or her  
18 employment, including, in the event such employee or agent is deceased,  
19 his or her estate or personal representative; or

1 (c) An entity, whether or not incorporated, facility, or  
2 institution employing one or more persons described in subparagraph (a)  
3 of this subsection, including, but not limited to, a hospital, clinic,  
4 health maintenance organization, or nursing home; or an officer,  
5 director, trustee, employee, or agent thereof acting in the course and  
6 scope of his or her employment, including in the event such officer,  
7 director, employee, or agent is deceased, his or her estate or personal  
8 representative;  
9 shall be immune from civil action for damages arising out of the good  
10 faith performance of their duties on such committees, where such  
11 actions are being brought by or on behalf of the person who is being  
12 evaluated.

13 (2) No member, employee, staff person, or investigator of a  
14 professional review committee shall be liable in a civil action as a  
15 result of acts or omissions made in good faith on behalf of the  
16 committee; nor shall any person be so liable for filing charges with or  
17 supplying information or testimony in good faith to any professional  
18 review committee; nor shall a member, employee, staff person, or  
19 investigator of a professional society, of a professional examining or  
20 licensing board, of a professional disciplinary board, of a governing  
21 board of any institution, or of any employer of professionals be so  
22 liable for good faith acts or omissions made in full or partial  
23 reliance on recommendations or decisions of a professional review  
24 committee or examining board.

25 **Sec. 2.** RCW 4.24.290 and 1985 c 326 s 26 are each amended to read  
26 as follows:

27 In any civil action for damages based on professional negligence  
28 against a hospital which is licensed by the state of Washington or  
29 against the personnel of any such hospital, or against a member of the  
30 healing arts including, but not limited to, an acupuncturist  
31 (~~(certified)~~) licensed under chapter 18.06 RCW, a physician licensed  
32 under chapter 18.71 RCW, an osteopathic physician licensed under  
33 chapter 18.57 RCW, a chiropractor licensed under chapter 18.25 RCW, a  
34 dentist licensed under chapter 18.32 RCW, a (~~podiatrist~~) podiatric  
35 physician and surgeon licensed under chapter 18.22 RCW, or a nurse  
36 licensed under chapters 18.78 or 18.88 RCW, the plaintiff in order to  
37 prevail shall be required to prove by a preponderance of the evidence  
38 that the defendant or defendants failed to exercise that degree of

1 skill, care, and learning possessed at that time by other persons in  
2 the same profession, and that as a proximate result of such failure the  
3 plaintiff suffered damages, but in no event shall the provisions of  
4 this section apply to an action based on the failure to obtain the  
5 informed consent of a patient.

6 **Sec. 3.** RCW 7.70.020 and 1985 c 326 s 27 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 As used in this chapter "health care provider" means either:

9 (1) A person licensed by this state to provide health care or  
10 related services, including, but not limited to, a (~~certified~~)  
11 licensed acupuncturist, a physician, osteopathic physician, dentist,  
12 nurse, optometrist, (~~podiatrist~~) podiatric physician and surgeon,  
13 chiropractor, physical therapist, psychologist, pharmacist, optician,  
14 physician's assistant, midwife, osteopathic physician's assistant,  
15 nurse practitioner, or physician's trained mobile intensive care  
16 paramedic, including, in the event such person is deceased, his or her  
17 estate or personal representative;

18 (2) An employee or agent of a person described in part (1) above,  
19 acting in the course and scope of his employment, including, in the  
20 event such employee or agent is deceased, his or her estate or personal  
21 representative; or

22 (3) An entity, whether or not incorporated, facility, or  
23 institution employing one or more persons described in part (1) above,  
24 including, but not limited to, a hospital, clinic, health maintenance  
25 organization, or nursing home; or an officer, director, employee, or  
26 agent thereof acting in the course and scope of his or her employment,  
27 including in the event such officer, director, employee, or agent is  
28 deceased, his or her estate or personal representative.

29 **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.06.010 and 1992 c 110 s 1 are each amended to read  
30 as follows:

31 The following terms in this chapter shall have the meanings set  
32 forth in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

33 (1) "Acupuncture" means a health care service based on (~~a~~  
34 ~~traditional~~) an Oriental system of medical theory utilizing Oriental  
35 diagnosis and treatment to promote health and treat organic or  
36 functional disorders by treating specific acupuncture points or

1 meridians. Acupuncture includes (~~but is not necessarily limited to~~)  
2 the following techniques:

3 (a) Use of acupuncture needles to stimulate acupuncture points and  
4 meridians;

5 (b) Use of electrical, mechanical, or magnetic devices to stimulate  
6 acupuncture points and meridians;

7 (c) Moxibustion;

8 (d) Acupressure;

9 (e) Cupping;

10 (f) Dermal friction technique;

11 (g) Infra-red;

12 (h) Sonopuncture;

13 (i) Laserpuncture;

14 (j) (~~Dietary advice based on traditional Oriental medical theory;~~  
15 ~~and~~

16 ~~(k))~~ Point injection therapy (aquapuncture); and

17 (k) Dietary advice based on Oriental medical theory provided in  
18 conjunction with techniques under (a) through (j) of this subsection.

19 (2) "Acupuncturist" means a person (~~certified~~) licensed under  
20 this chapter.

21 (3) "Department" means the department of health.

22 (4) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's  
23 designee.

24 **Sec. 5.** RCW 18.06.020 and 1991 c 3 s 5 are each amended to read as  
25 follows:

26 (1) No one may hold themselves out to the public as an  
27 acupuncturist or (~~certified~~) licensed acupuncturist or any derivative  
28 thereof which is intended to or is likely to lead the public to believe  
29 such a person is an acupuncturist or (~~certified~~) licensed  
30 acupuncturist unless (~~certified~~) licensed as provided for in this  
31 chapter.

32 (2) A person may not practice acupuncture if the person is not  
33 licensed under this chapter.

34 (3) No one may use any configuration of letters after their name  
35 (including Ac.) which indicates a degree or formal training in  
36 acupuncture unless (~~certified~~) licensed as provided for in this  
37 chapter.

1       (~~(3)~~) (4) The secretary may by rule proscribe or regulate  
2 advertising and other forms of patient solicitation which are likely to  
3 mislead or deceive the public as to whether someone is (~~certified~~)  
4 licensed under this chapter.

5       **Sec. 6.** RCW 18.06.045 and 1992 c 110 s 2 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7       Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit or restrict:

8       (1) The practice (~~([by an individual] licensed, certified, or~~  
9 ~~registered)) by an individual credentialed under the laws of this state  
10 and performing services within such individual's authorized scope of  
11 practice. Health professions authorized to perform acupuncture under  
12 other chapters of state law may follow recommended guidelines developed  
13 by the acupuncture advisory committee to assist in determining the  
14 level of training sufficient to allow for the provision of safe  
15 acupuncture services;~~

16       (2) The practice by an individual employed by the government of the  
17 United States while engaged in the performance of duties prescribed by  
18 the laws of the United States;

19       (3) The practice by a person who is a regular student in an  
20 educational program approved by the secretary, and whose performance of  
21 services is pursuant to a regular course of instruction or assignments  
22 from an instructor and under the general supervision of the instructor;

23       (4) The practice of acupuncture by any person (~~licensed or~~  
24 ~~certified)) credentialed to perform acupuncture in any other  
25 jurisdiction where such person is doing so in the course of regular  
26 instruction of a school of acupuncture approved by the secretary or in  
27 an educational seminar by a professional organization of acupuncture,  
28 provided that in the latter case, the practice is supervised directly  
29 by a person (~~certified pursuant to~~) licensed under this chapter or  
30 licensed under any other healing art whose scope of practice includes  
31 acupuncture.~~

32       **Sec. 7.** RCW 18.06.080 and 1992 c 110 s 3 are each amended to read  
33 as follows:

34       (1) The secretary is hereby authorized and empowered to execute the  
35 provisions of this chapter and shall offer examinations in acupuncture  
36 at least twice a year at such times and places as the secretary may

1 select. The examination shall be a written examination and may include  
2 a practical examination.

3 (2) The secretary shall develop or approve a ~~((certification))~~  
4 licensure examination in the subjects that the secretary determines are  
5 within the scope of and commensurate with the work performed by  
6 ~~((certified))~~ licensed acupuncturists and shall include but not  
7 necessarily be limited to anatomy, physiology, microbiology,  
8 biochemistry, pathology, hygiene, and acupuncture. All application  
9 papers shall be deposited with the secretary and there retained for at  
10 least one year, when they may be destroyed.

11 (3) If the examination is successfully passed, the secretary shall  
12 confer on such candidate the title of ~~((Certified))~~ Licensed  
13 Acupuncturist.

14 **Sec. 8.** RCW 18.06.090 and 1985 c 326 s 9 are each amended to read  
15 as follows:

16 Before ~~((certification))~~ licensure, each applicant shall  
17 demonstrate sufficient fluency in reading, speaking, and understanding  
18 the English language to enable the applicant to communicate with other  
19 health care providers and patients concerning health care problems and  
20 treatment.

21 **Sec. 9.** RCW 18.06.110 and 1991 c 3 s 11 are each amended to read  
22 as follows:

23 The uniform disciplinary act, chapter 18.130 RCW, governs  
24 uncertified practice, the issuance and denial of ~~((certificates))~~  
25 licenses, and the disciplining of ~~((certificate))~~ license holders under  
26 this chapter. The secretary shall be the disciplining authority under  
27 this chapter.

28 **Sec. 10.** RCW 18.06.120 and 1992 c 110 s 4 are each amended to read  
29 as follows:

30 (1) Every person ~~((certified))~~ licensed in acupuncture shall  
31 register with the secretary annually and pay an annual renewal  
32 ~~((registration))~~ fee determined by the secretary as provided in RCW  
33 43.70.250 on or before the ~~((certificate))~~ license holder's birth  
34 anniversary date. The ~~((certificate))~~ license of the person shall be  
35 renewed for a period of one year or longer in the discretion of the  
36 secretary. A person whose practice is exclusively out-of-state or who

1 is on sabbatical shall be granted an inactive ((certification))  
2 licensure status and pay a reduced ((registration)) fee. The reduced  
3 fee shall be set by the secretary under RCW 43.70.250.

4 (2) Any failure to register and pay the annual renewal  
5 ((registration)) fee shall render the ((certificate)) license invalid.  
6 The ((certificate)) license shall be reinstated upon: (a) Written  
7 application to the secretary; (b) payment to the state of a penalty fee  
8 determined by the secretary as provided in RCW 43.70.250; and (c)  
9 payment to the state of all delinquent annual ((certificate)) license  
10 renewal fees.

11 (3) Any person who fails to renew his or her ((certification))  
12 license for a period of three years shall not be entitled to renew  
13 ((such certification)) the licensure under this section. Such person,  
14 in order to obtain a ((certification)) licensure in acupuncture in this  
15 state, shall file a new application under this chapter, along with the  
16 required fee, and shall meet examination or continuing education  
17 requirements as the secretary, by rule, provides.

18 (4) All fees collected under this section and RCW 18.06.070 shall  
19 be credited to the health professions account as required under RCW  
20 43.70.320.

21 **Sec. 11.** RCW 18.06.130 and 1991 c 3 s 13 are each amended to read  
22 as follows:

23 The secretary shall develop a form to be used by an acupuncturist  
24 to inform the patient of the acupuncturist's scope of practice and  
25 qualifications. All ((certificate)) license holders shall bring the  
26 form to the attention of the patients in whatever manner the secretary,  
27 by rule, provides.

28 **Sec. 12.** RCW 18.06.140 and 1991 c 3 s 14 are each amended to read  
29 as follows:

30 Every ((certified)) licensed acupuncturist shall develop a written  
31 plan for consultation, emergency transfer, and referral to other health  
32 care practitioners operating within the scope of their authorized  
33 practices. The written plan shall be submitted with the initial  
34 application for ((certification)) licensure as well as annually  
35 thereafter with the ((certificate)) license renewal fee to the  
36 department. The department may withhold ((certification)) licensure or

1 renewal of (~~certification~~) licensure if the plan fails to meet the  
2 standards contained in rules (~~promulgated~~) adopted by the secretary.

3 When the acupuncturist sees patients with potentially serious  
4 disorders such as cardiac conditions, acute abdominal symptoms, and  
5 such other conditions, the acupuncturist shall immediately request a  
6 consultation or recent written diagnosis from a physician licensed  
7 under chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW. In the event that the patient with  
8 the disorder refuses to authorize such consultation or provide a recent  
9 diagnosis from such physician, acupuncture treatment shall not be  
10 continued.

11 **Sec. 13.** RCW 18.06.170 and 1991 c 3 s 16 are each amended to read  
12 as follows:

13 (1) The acupuncture advisory committee is created. The committee  
14 shall be composed of one physician licensed under chapter 18.71 or  
15 18.57 RCW, three acupuncturists (~~certified~~) licensed under this  
16 chapter, and (~~one~~) two public members, who (~~does~~) do not have any  
17 financial interest in the rendering of health services.

18 (2) The secretary shall appoint members to staggered terms so as to  
19 provide continuity in membership. Members shall serve at the pleasure  
20 of the secretary but may not serve more than five years total. Members  
21 of the committee shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in  
22 RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

23 (3) Each member of the committee shall receive fifty dollars for  
24 each day the member attends an official meeting of the group or  
25 performs statutorily prescribed duties approved by the secretary.

26 (4) The committee shall meet only on the request of the secretary  
27 and consider only those matters referred to it by the secretary. The  
28 committee is authorized to develop recommended guidelines to assist  
29 health professions authorized to perform acupuncture under other  
30 practice laws in determining the level of training sufficient to allow  
31 for the provision of safe acupuncture services.

32 **Sec. 14.** RCW 18.06.190 and 1991 c 3 s 18 are each amended to read  
33 as follows:

34 The secretary may (~~certify~~) license a person without examination  
35 if such person is (~~licensed or certified~~) credentialed as an  
36 acupuncturist in another jurisdiction if, in the secretary's judgment,



1 the requirements of that jurisdiction are equivalent to or greater than  
2 those of Washington state.

3 **Sec. 15.** RCW 18.06.200 and 1985 c 326 s 20 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 Nothing in this chapter may be construed to require that individual  
6 or group policies or contracts of an insurance carrier, health care  
7 service contractor, or health maintenance organization provide benefits  
8 or coverage for services and supplies provided by a person (~~registered~~  
9 ~~or certified~~) licensed under this chapter.

10 **Sec. 16.** RCW 18.120.020 and 1989 c 300 s 14 are each amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 The definitions contained in this section shall apply throughout  
13 this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

14 (1) "Applicant group" includes any health professional group or  
15 organization, any individual, or any other interested party which  
16 proposes that any health professional group not presently regulated be  
17 regulated or which proposes to substantially increase the scope of  
18 practice of the profession.

19 (2) "Certificate" and "certification" mean a voluntary process by  
20 which a statutory regulatory entity grants recognition to an individual  
21 who (a) has met certain prerequisite qualifications specified by that  
22 regulatory entity, and (b) may assume or use "certified" in the title  
23 or designation to perform prescribed health professional tasks.

24 (3) "Grandfather clause" means a provision in a regulatory statute  
25 applicable to practitioners actively engaged in the regulated health  
26 profession prior to the effective date of the regulatory statute which  
27 exempts the practitioners from meeting the prerequisite qualifications  
28 set forth in the regulatory statute to perform prescribed occupational  
29 tasks.

30 (4) "Health professions" means and includes the following health  
31 and health-related licensed or regulated professions and occupations:  
32 (~~Podiatry~~) Podiatric medicine and surgery under chapter 18.22 RCW;  
33 chiropractic under chapters 18.25 and 18.26 RCW; dental hygiene under  
34 chapter 18.29 RCW; dentistry under chapter 18.32 RCW; dispensing  
35 opticians under chapter 18.34 RCW; hearing aids under chapter 18.35  
36 RCW; naturopaths under chapter 18.36A RCW; embalming and funeral  
37 directing under chapter 18.39 RCW; midwifery under chapter 18.50 RCW;

1 nursing home administration under chapter 18.52 RCW; optometry under  
2 chapters 18.53 and 18.54 RCW; ocularists under chapter 18.55 RCW;  
3 osteopathy and osteopathic medicine and surgery under chapters 18.57  
4 and 18.57A RCW; pharmacy under chapters 18.64 and 18.64A RCW; medicine  
5 under chapters 18.71, 18.71A, and 18.72 RCW; emergency medicine under  
6 chapter 18.73 RCW; physical therapy under chapter 18.74 RCW; practical  
7 nurses under chapter 18.78 RCW; psychologists under chapter 18.83 RCW;  
8 registered nurses under chapter 18.88 RCW; occupational therapists  
9 licensed pursuant to chapter 18.59 RCW; respiratory care practitioners  
10 certified under chapter 18.89 RCW; veterinarians and animal technicians  
11 under chapter 18.92 RCW; health care assistants under chapter 18.135  
12 RCW; massage practitioners under chapter 18.108 RCW; acupuncturists  
13 ((certified)) licensed under chapter 18.06 RCW; persons registered or  
14 certified under chapter 18.19 RCW; dietitians and nutritionists  
15 certified by chapter 18.138 RCW; radiologic technicians under chapter  
16 18.84 RCW; and nursing assistants registered or certified under chapter  
17 18.88A RCW.

18 (5) "Inspection" means the periodic examination of practitioners by  
19 a state agency in order to ascertain whether the practitioners'  
20 occupation is being carried out in a fashion consistent with the public  
21 health, safety, and welfare.

22 (6) "Legislative committees of reference" means the standing  
23 legislative committees designated by the respective rules committees of  
24 the senate and house of representatives to consider proposed  
25 legislation to regulate health professions not previously regulated.

26 (7) "License," "licensing," and "licensure" mean permission to  
27 engage in a health profession which would otherwise be unlawful in the  
28 state in the absence of the permission. A license is granted to those  
29 individuals who meet prerequisite qualifications to perform prescribed  
30 health professional tasks and for the use of a particular title.

31 (8) "Professional license" means an individual, nontransferable  
32 authorization to carry on a health activity based on qualifications  
33 which include: (a) Graduation from an accredited or approved program,  
34 and (b) acceptable performance on a qualifying examination or series of  
35 examinations.

36 (9) "Practitioner" means an individual who (a) has achieved  
37 knowledge and skill by practice, and (b) is actively engaged in a  
38 specified health profession.

1 (10) "Public member" means an individual who is not, and never was,  
2 a member of the health profession being regulated or the spouse of a  
3 member, or an individual who does not have and never has had a material  
4 financial interest in either the rendering of the health professional  
5 service being regulated or an activity directly related to the  
6 profession being regulated.

7 (11) "Registration" means the formal notification which, prior to  
8 rendering services, a practitioner shall submit to a state agency  
9 setting forth the name and address of the practitioner; the location,  
10 nature and operation of the health activity to be practiced; and, if  
11 required by the regulatory entity, a description of the service to be  
12 provided.

13 (12) "Regulatory entity" means any board, commission, agency,  
14 division, or other unit or subunit of state government which regulates  
15 one or more professions, occupations, industries, businesses, or other  
16 endeavors in this state.

17 (13) "State agency" includes every state office, department, board,  
18 commission, regulatory entity, and agency of the state, and, where  
19 provided by law, programs and activities involving less than the full  
20 responsibility of a state agency.

21 **Sec. 17.** RCW 18.130.040 and 1993 c 367 s 4 are each amended to  
22 read as follows:

23 (1) This chapter applies only to the secretary and the boards  
24 having jurisdiction in relation to the professions licensed under the  
25 chapters specified in this section. This chapter does not apply to any  
26 business or profession not licensed under the chapters specified in  
27 this section.

28 (2)(a) The secretary has authority under this chapter in relation  
29 to the following professions:

- 30 (i) Dispensing opticians licensed under chapter 18.34 RCW;
- 31 (ii) Naturopaths licensed under chapter 18.36A RCW;
- 32 (iii) Midwives licensed under chapter 18.50 RCW;
- 33 (iv) Ocularists licensed under chapter 18.55 RCW;
- 34 (v) Massage operators and businesses licensed under chapter 18.108  
35 RCW;
- 36 (vi) Dental hygienists licensed under chapter 18.29 RCW;
- 37 (vii) Acupuncturists (~~certified~~) licensed under chapter 18.06  
38 RCW;

1 (viii) Radiologic technologists certified under chapter 18.84 RCW;  
2 (ix) Respiratory care practitioners certified under chapter 18.89  
3 RCW;  
4 (x) Persons registered or certified under chapter 18.19 RCW;  
5 (xi) Persons registered as nursing pool operators;  
6 (xii) Nursing assistants registered or certified under chapter  
7 18.88A RCW;  
8 (xiii) Health care assistants certified under chapter 18.135 RCW;  
9 (xiv) Dietitians and nutritionists certified under chapter 18.138  
10 RCW;  
11 (xv) Sex offender treatment providers certified under chapter  
12 18.155 RCW; and  
13 (xvi) Persons licensed and certified under chapter 18.73 RCW or RCW  
14 18.71.205.  
15 (b) The boards having authority under this chapter are as follows:  
16 (i) The podiatric medical board as established in chapter 18.22  
17 RCW;  
18 (ii) The chiropractic disciplinary board as established in chapter  
19 18.26 RCW governing licenses issued under chapter 18.25 RCW;  
20 (iii) The dental disciplinary board as established in chapter 18.32  
21 RCW;  
22 (iv) The ~~((council on))~~ board on fitting and dispensing of hearing  
23 aids as established in chapter 18.35 RCW;  
24 (v) The board of funeral directors and embalmers as established in  
25 chapter 18.39 RCW;  
26 (vi) The board of examiners for nursing home administrators as  
27 established in chapter 18.52 RCW;  
28 (vii) The optometry board as established in chapter 18.54 RCW  
29 governing licenses issued under chapter 18.53 RCW;  
30 (viii) The board of osteopathic medicine and surgery as established  
31 in chapter 18.57 RCW governing licenses issued under chapters 18.57 and  
32 18.57A RCW;  
33 (ix) The board of pharmacy as established in chapter 18.64 RCW  
34 governing licenses issued under chapters 18.64 and 18.64A RCW;  
35 (x) The medical disciplinary board as established in chapter 18.72  
36 RCW governing licenses and registrations issued under chapters 18.71  
37 and 18.71A RCW;  
38 (xi) The board of physical therapy as established in chapter 18.74  
39 RCW;

1 (xii) The board of occupational therapy practice as established in  
2 chapter 18.59 RCW;

3 (xiii) The board of practical nursing as established in chapter  
4 18.78 RCW;

5 (xiv) The examining board of psychology and its disciplinary  
6 committee as established in chapter 18.83 RCW;

7 (xv) The board of nursing as established in chapter 18.88 RCW; and

8 (xvi) The veterinary board of governors as established in chapter  
9 18.92 RCW.

10 (3) In addition to the authority to discipline license holders, the  
11 disciplining authority has the authority to grant or deny licenses  
12 based on the conditions and criteria established in this chapter and  
13 the chapters specified in subsection (2) of this section. However, the  
14 board of chiropractic examiners has authority over issuance and denial  
15 of licenses provided for in chapter 18.25 RCW, the board of dental  
16 examiners has authority over issuance and denial of licenses provided  
17 for in RCW 18.32.040, and the board of medical examiners has authority  
18 over issuance and denial of licenses and registrations provided for in  
19 chapters 18.71 and 18.71A RCW. This chapter also governs any  
20 investigation, hearing, or proceeding relating to denial of licensure  
21 or issuance of a license conditioned on the applicant's compliance with  
22 an order entered pursuant to RCW 18.130.160 by the disciplining  
23 authority.

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