

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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S.B. 1223  
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### **DIGEST**

Currently, Texas does not authorize licensed vocational nurses to be certified to practice acupuncture. S.B. 1223 authorizes licensed vocational nurses to be certified to practice acupuncture for certain limited purposes.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 1223 authorizes licensed vocational nurses to be certified to practice acupuncture for certain limited purposes.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 6.118(a), Article 4495b, V.T.C.S. (Medical Practice Act), to authorize the medical board to certify a person as an acudetox specialist under this section if the person provides to the medical board documentation that the person is a certified licensed vocational nurse.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.