**Commonwealth of Massachusetts Committee on Acupuncture POLICY STATEMENT 2003-01**

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**POLICY ON LAPSED LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

The COA has adopted the following policy regarding lapsed license applications, effective immediately:

In addition to the provisions of 243 CMR 5.07(4)(c), when a licensee applies to revive a license that has been revoked by operation of law for failure to renew, and more than two years has elapsed since the licensee's failure to renew, the application must be reviewed by the COA for approval. However, when the licensee has been continuously practicing acupuncture in good standing in another state, the COA does not need to review the application, unless other reviewable issues are present.

When a lapsed licensee has more than two years out of clinical practice, the COA, and/or its committees, may request:

1. a personal interview with the applicant (interview to include, but not be limited to, an inquiry regarding the applicant's practice of acupuncture during the lapse and the applicant's plan for practicing acupuncture in Massachusetts);
2. an assessment of the applicant's skills;
3. a period of supervision of the applicant's practice of acupuncture; and
4. any additional materials the COA requires in order to consider an application complete.

The application will be evaluated with attention to these factors, as well as any other relevant information.