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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act Of 1934

October 11, 2007

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

State of New York (State of Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 1-10113 (Commission File Number) **11-0853640** (I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

616 N. North Court, Suite 120 Palatine, Illinois 60067

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(847) 705-7709

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d- 2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On October 11, 2007, the Registrant's Board of Directors approved an amendment to the Registrant's By-Laws, as amended (the "By-Laws"). The amendment allows for the issuance of either certificated or uncertificated shares of stock of the Registrant. Previously, only certificated shares of stock could be issued. The amendment is effective as of October 11, 2007. This amendment to the By-Laws will permit direct or "book-entry" registration of shares of the Registrant's capital stock. The amended and restated By-Laws, as described herein, are attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit Number	<u>Description</u>
3.1	Amended and Restated By-Laws of Acura Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Peter Clemens

Peter A. Clemens

Senior Vice President & Chief Financial

Officer

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