



GOV. MSG. NO. 648

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

April 22, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on April 22, 2008, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2165

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NURSING.  
(ACT 23)

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSING.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Section 457-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:

3 "(f) Applicants applying for a license to practice as a  
4 registered nurse by examination shall submit to the board proof  
5 of eligibility. Applicants shall be eligible to apply for a  
6 license by examination if they have:

7 (1) Graduated from a registered nursing program at an  
8 educational institution in the United States or any  
9 territory or possession under the jurisdiction of the  
10 United States and are qualified as determined by the  
11 board through rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91;  
12 [~~or~~]

13 (2) Graduated from a registered nursing program at an  
14 educational institution in a foreign jurisdiction[~~or~~]  
15 and have had their transcripts evaluated by  
16 professional evaluators designated by the board and  
17 are considered qualified as determined by the board  
18 through rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91[~~or~~]; or



1       (3) Graduated with a bachelor's degree and satisfactorily  
 2       completed the pre-licensure portion of a master's  
 3       entry program in nursing at an accredited school of  
 4       nursing in the United States or any territory or  
 5       possession under the jurisdiction of the United States  
 6       that is recognized by the board or other state boards  
 7       of nursing and are qualified as determined by the  
 8       board."

9       SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 10      and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11      SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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APPROVED this 22 day of APR, 2008



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII