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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 457-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows: 3 The license of every person licensed, recognized, or "(a) 4 granted prescriptive authority shall expire on June 30 of every 5 odd-numbered year and shall be renewed biennially, except as 6 provided in this section. Biennially in each odd-numbered year, 7 the board shall make available an application for renewal of 8 license before the deadline set forth by the board to every 9 person to whom a license was issued or renewed during the 10 The applicant shall complete the application and biennium. 11 submit it to the board with a renewal fee and all required 12 documents on or before the deadline set by the board. 13 applicant shall provide documents from proper agencies or 14 parties of any criminal conviction or any disciplinary action 15 taken or pending in this State or any other state in the United 16 States or any territory or possession under the jurisdiction of 17 the United States within the two years prior to application for 18 renewal of license. The licensee shall also be required to SB LRB 08-0245.doc

- 1 complete a nurse workforce survey developed by the Hawaii state
- 2 center for nursing and approved by the department. Upon
- 3 completion of all appropriate requirements and receipt of the
- 4 application and fee, the board shall verify the accuracy of the
- 5 application and issue to the applicant a certificate of renewal
- 6 for the biennium expiring two years hence on the deadline set by
- 7 the board. The renewal shall render the holder thereof a legal
- 8 practitioner of nursing for the period stated on the renewal
- 9 form."
- 10 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
- 11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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## Report Title:

Nurses

## Description:

Revises licensing renewal requirements for nurses.