



GOV. MSG. NO. 512

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

April 23, 2010

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth 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 23, 2010, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2390 SD2 HD2

A BILL FOR AN ACT  
RELATING TO PHARMACIST LICENSURE.  
**ACT 050 (10)**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

Approved by the Governor

on APR 23 2010

THE SENATE  
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2010  
STATE OF HAWAII

**ACT 050**

**S.B. NO.** 2390  
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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO PHARMACIST LICENSURE.

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

1       SECTION 1. The University of Hawaii at Hilo college of  
2 pharmacy accepted its first class in the fall of 2007 and is the  
3 only accredited pharmacy school in Hawaii and the Pacific basin.  
4 For decades, Hawaii has been viewed as the crossroads of the  
5 Pacific, merging cultures and people from all walks of life.  
6 Students from Hawaii, other states, the United States  
7 territories and possessions, and even other countries, come to  
8 study at the University of Hawaii at Hilo's college of pharmacy.  
9 The University of Hawaii at Hilo college of pharmacy is  
10 currently on track for full accreditation in 2011 when its first  
11 class of pharmacy students will graduate.

12       To graduate from the college of pharmacy, students must  
13 participate in advanced pharmacy practice experiences in their  
14 fourth and final year. The advanced pharmacy practice  
15 experiences begin in the summer after the third year of pharmacy  
16 school and include a minimum of one thousand four hundred forty  
17 hours of practical experience. Students participate in six  
18 different types of rotations. Mandatory rotations include a

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1 hospital or health system pharmacy, an inpatient/acute care  
2 facility, an ambulatory care clinic, and a community pharmacy.  
3 Students may take an additional two electives to fulfill the  
4 experience requirements.

5 The first class of the University of Hawaii at Hilo college  
6 of pharmacy will begin their advanced pharmacy practice  
7 experience rotations in May of 2010. Students will perform  
8 their rotations in the traditional pharmacy setting as well as  
9 other designated advanced practice locations under the  
10 supervision of a registered pharmacist where the practice of  
11 pharmacy occurs. Geographically, the rotations will occur in  
12 Hawaii and other states, the District of Columbia, and the  
13 United States territories.

14 As section 461-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is currently  
15 written, only the hours of practical experience performed in a  
16 pharmacy in one of the fifty states count toward the one  
17 thousand five hundred hours of practical experience required for  
18 licensure as a pharmacist. As such, students who perform their  
19 rotations outside of the traditional pharmacy setting will not  
20 receive credit toward their licensure requirements, even though  
21 those students are engaged in the practice of pharmacy under the  
22 supervision of a registered pharmacist at other designated



1 advanced practice locations, such as clinics and acute care  
2 facilities. Moreover, advanced pharmacy practice experience  
3 rotations performed in one of the United States territories or  
4 the District of Columbia will not count toward licensure  
5 requirements.

6 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to ensure that  
7 advanced pharmacy practice experience rotations performed in a  
8 United States territory or the District of Columbia, or at a  
9 designated advanced practice location under the supervision of a  
10 registered pharmacist, count toward licensure requirements.

11 SECTION 2. Section 461-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted  
13 and to read as follows:

14 "Territory" means Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana  
15 Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, or American Samoa."

16 SECTION 3. Section 461-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
17 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

18 "(a) Any applicant for a license as a pharmacist shall  
19 submit an application on a form prescribed by the board and  
20 shall provide evidence to the board that the applicant:

21 (1) Is at least eighteen years of age;



1 (2) Holds a degree from a school or college of pharmacy or  
2 department in a university which is recognized and  
3 accredited by the American Council of Pharmaceutical  
4 Education;

5 (3) Has a minimum of fifteen hundred hours of practical  
6 experience in any state or territory of the United  
7 States [in a pharmacy], or the District of Columbia,  
8 under the supervision of a [registered] pharmacist[-]  
9 who is duly registered or licensed in the state,  
10 territory, or district where the experience is  
11 obtained. Service and experience [~~in a pharmacy~~]  
12 under the supervision of a registered pharmacist as  
13 required in this section shall be predominantly  
14 related to the [~~selling of drugs, compounding~~  
15 ~~prescriptions, preparing pharmaceutical preparations,~~  
16 ~~and keeping records and making reports required under~~  
17 ~~state and federal statutes.] practice of pharmacy as~~  
18 defined under section 461-1. In the event an  
19 applicant has no practical experience as required, the  
20 applicant may take the examination and upon passing  
21 the examination, shall not receive a license until



1 after the [~~fulfillment of~~] applicant fulfills the  
2 practical experience requirement;

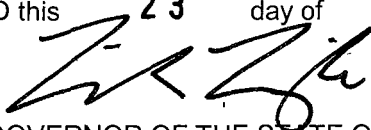
3 (4) Has passed an examination as may be prescribed by the  
4 board; and

5 (5) Does not have an encumbered license or a pending  
6 disciplinary action or unresolved complaint in the  
7 practice of pharmacy in any state or territory of the  
8 United States, or the District of Columbia, or if any  
9 license has been or is encumbered, the applicant shall  
10 provide all information requested by the board."

11 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
14 provided that the amendment made to section 461-1, Hawaii  
15 Revised Statutes, by section 2 of this Act shall not be repealed  
16 when section 461-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is reenacted on  
17 July 1, 2010, pursuant to section 11 of Act 190, Session Laws of  
18 Hawaii 2004.

APPROVED this 23 day of APR, 2010

  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII