
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR NURSES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that many professions
2 licensed in the state, including physicians, optometrists, and
3 real estate salespersons, require the completion of continuing
4 education courses as a pre-requisite to license renewal.

5 Consequently, the legislature recognizes that to maintain the
6 highest level of competency of nurses practicing in the state,
7 it is necessary to include a continuing education component to
8 nurse licensure requirements as well.

9 SECTION 2. Section 457-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 "§457-9 Renewal of license; denial, suspension, or
12 revocation of license for default of student loan, student loan
13 repayment contract, or scholarship contract; inactivation and
14 reactivation of license; restoration of forfeited license. (a)
15 The license of every person licensed, recognized, or granted
16 prescriptive authority shall expire on June 30 of every odd-
17 numbered year and shall be renewed biennially, except as
18 provided in this section. Biennially in each odd-numbered year,



1 the board shall make available an application for renewal of
2 license before the deadline set forth by the board to every
3 person to whom a license was issued or renewed during the
4 biennium. The applicant shall complete the application and
5 submit it to the board with a renewal fee and all required
6 documents on or before the deadline set by the board. The
7 applicant shall provide documents from proper agencies or
8 parties of any criminal conviction or any disciplinary action
9 taken or pending in this [State] state or any other state in the
10 United States or any territory or possession under the
11 jurisdiction of the United States within the two years prior to
12 application for renewal of license. Upon receipt of the
13 application [~~and fee,~~], fee, and proof as required under
14 subsection (b), the board shall verify the accuracy of the
15 application and issue to the applicant a certificate of renewal
16 for the biennium expiring two years hence on the deadline set by
17 the board. The renewal shall render the holder thereof a legal
18 practitioner of nursing for the period stated on the renewal
19 form.

20 (b) The applicant shall also provide the board with proof
21 of having attended fifteen hours of continuing education or its
22 equivalent as determined by the board, during the two-year



1 period prior to the application for renewal. Failure to satisfy
2 the continuing education requirement by the license expiration
3 date shall result in the renewed license being automatically
4 placed on an inactive status. The board may grant an extension
5 for the continuing education requirement upon a showing of good
6 cause.

7 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) Any licensee who fails to renew a license as
8 provided in ~~[subsection]~~ subsections (a) and (b) but continues
9 to practice shall be considered an illegal practitioner and
10 shall be subject to the penalties provided for violations of
11 this chapter. The failure to timely renew a license, the
12 failure to pay all applicable fees, the dishonoring of any check
13 upon first deposit, or the failure to comply with any other
14 requirement provided by law shall cause the license to be
15 automatically forfeited; provided that the person's license may
16 be restored by the board within two years after the date of
17 forfeiture upon compliance with the licensing renewal fees,
18 penalty fees, and compliance resolution fund fees.

19 A nurse who does not intend to practice nursing in the
20 ~~[State]~~ state and elects to be placed on inactive status shall
21 so indicate in writing during the license renewal period or by
22 so indicating on the license renewal application, and paying



1 inactivation and all appropriate fees. Should the nurse wish to
2 resume nursing at some future time, the nurse shall notify the
3 board in writing and remit the reactivation and renewal fees,
4 and application form as provided in subsection (a). A nurse who
5 has not actively practiced in this [State] state or any other
6 state in the United States or any territory or possession under
7 the jurisdiction of the United States for more than five years
8 may be required by the board to submit proof of continued
9 competency by retaking and passing the licensing examination or
10 successfully completing appropriate continuing education
11 recognized by the board.

12 [~~e~~] (d) Notwithstanding any provision in this chapter to
13 the contrary, the board shall not renew or reinstate, or shall
14 deny, suspend, or revoke, any license or application if the
15 board has received certification from an administering entity
16 pursuant to chapter 436C that the licensee or applicant is in
17 default or breach of any obligation under any student loan,
18 student loan repayment contract, or scholarship contract that
19 financed the licensee's or applicant's education, or has failed
20 to comply with a repayment plan.



1 The board, in receipt of a certification pursuant to
2 chapter 436C, as applicable, and without further review or
3 hearing, shall:

4 (1) Suspend the license;

5 (2) Deny the application or request for renewal of the
6 license; or

7 (3) Deny the request for reinstatement of the license,
8 and unless otherwise provided by law, shall renew, reinstate, or
9 grant the license only upon receipt of an authorization from the
10 administering entity."

11 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the continuing education
12 requirement in section 457-9(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, as
13 amended by this Act, any licensee under section 457-9, Hawaii
14 Revised Statutes, whose license must be renewed on or before
15 June 30, 2011, shall have until June 30, 2013, to comply with
16 the continuing education requirement of section 457-9(b), Hawaii
17 Revised Statutes, as amended by this Act; provided that the
18 state board of nursing may grant an extension upon a showing of
19 good cause. The licensee's license shall remain valid during
20 such time; provided that all other renewal requirements have
21 been satisfied.



1 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Nurses; Continuing Education

Description:

Requires nurses licensed in the state to complete 15 hours of continuing education during each two-year license period as a requirement for license renewal. (HB2205 HD1)

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