A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that occupational
- 2 therapists treat patients with injuries, illnesses, or
- 3 disabilities through the therapeutic use of everyday life
- 4 activities. Occupational therapy assistants assist occupational
- 5 therapists in providing occupational therapy.
- 6 Although the regulation of occupational therapy practice is
- 7 codified in chapter 457G, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the law is
- 8 incomplete in relation to certain aspects of the profession, and
- 9 does not require the licensure of occupational therapists or
- 10 occupational therapy assistants. The legislature notes that
- 11 Hawaii is the last state in the country to license occupational
- 12 therapists and one of the last three states to license
- 13 occupational therapy assistants.
- 14 The legislature further finds that occupational therapists
- 15 and occupational therapy assistants should be licensed in Hawaii
- 16 to protect public health, safety, and the welfare of the
- 17 patients served by occupational therapists and occupational
- 18 therapy assistants. Requiring the licensure of occupational



- 1 therapists and occupational therapy assistants will ensure that
- 2 qualified occupational therapists and occupational therapy
- 3 assistants provide occupational therapy services in Hawaii and
- 4 will enable insurers to meet payer requirements, as some
- 5 insurers require occupational therapy to be provided by licensed
- 6 individuals.
- 7 The purpose of this Act is to improve the regulation of
- 8 occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants by
- 9 establishing an occupational therapy program and licensing
- 10 requirements for occupational therapists and occupational
- 11 therapy assistants, including provisions relating to the
- 12 qualifications, licensure practice of occupational therapy,
- 13 supervision of occupational therapy assistants, exemptions,
- 14 powers and duties of the director of commerce and consumer
- 15 affairs, licensure renewal, restoration, penalty, and revocation
- 16 or suspension of licenses.
- 17 Accordingly, this Act provides that, effective with the
- 18 renewal period beginning December 31, 2014, each occupational
- 19 therapist registration shall be converted to an occupational
- 20 therapist license. To effectuate a seamless conversion, current
- 21 occupational therapist registrants will be grandfathered and
- 22 issued an occupational therapist license upon renewal.

1	In addition, the Act provides that, effective January 1,				
2	2017, except as otherwise provided, no person shall practice as				
3	an occupational therapy assistant or represent the person's self				
4	as being able to practice as an occupational therapy assistant				
5	in the State without possessing a valid license issued by the				
6	director of commerce and consumer affairs in accordance with				
7	this Act.				
8	SECTION 2. Chapter 457G, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is				
9	amended by adding eight new sections to be appropriately				
10	designated and to read as follows:				
11	"§457G-A Occupational therapy program. There is				
12	established an occupational therapy program within the				
13	department to be administered by the director.				
14	§457G-B Powers and duties of the director. In addition to				
15	any other powers and duties authorized by law, the director				
16	shall have the powers and duties to:				
17	(1) Grant, deny, renew, refuse to renew, restore,				
18	terminate, reinstate, condition, restrict, suspend, or				
19	revoke a license issued pursuant to this chapter;				
20	(2) Grant permission to a person to practice occupational				
21	therapy and to use the title of "licensed occupational				

1		therapist" or a description indicating that the person		
2		is a licensed occupational therapist in this State;		
3	(3) Grant permission to a person to practice as an			
4		occupational therapy assistant and to use the title		
5		"licensed occupational therapy assistant" or a		
6		description indicating that the person is a licensed		
7		occupational therapy assistant in this State;		
8	(4)	Adopt, amend, or repeal rules pursuant to chapter 91		
9		as the director finds necessary to carry out the		
10		purposes of this chapter;		
11	<u>(5)</u>	Administer, coordinate, and enforce this chapter;		
12	(6)	Discipline a licensed occupational therapist or		
13		licensed occupational therapy assistant on grounds		
14		specified by this chapter or chapter 436B or for any		
15		violation of rules adopted by the director pursuant to		
16		<pre>this chapter;</pre>		
17	(7)	Refuse to license a person for failure to meet the		
18		licensing requirements in this chapter or for any		
19		reason specified by this chapter as grounds to		
20		discipline an occupational therapist or occupational		
21		therapy assistant; and		

1	(8)	Appoint an advisory committee composed of practicing
2		occupational therapists and occupational therapy
3		assistants to assist with the implementation of this
4		chapter.
5	<u>§457</u>	G-C Qualifications of occupational therapy assistants.
6	(a) Effe	ctive January 1, 2017, occupational therapy assistants
7	shall be	licensed pursuant to this chapter.
8	(b)	To qualify for licensure in this state, occupational
9	therapy a	ssistants shall have completed the educational
10	requireme	nts and supervised field work required for
11	certifica	tion by the National Board for Certification in
12	Occupatio	nal Therapy and shall have passed a national
13	certifica	tion examination administered by the National Board for
14	<u>Certifica</u>	tion in Occupational Therapy.
15	<u>(c)</u>	In the case of foreign-trained persons, the applicant
16	for an oc	cupational therapy assistant license shall have
17	completed	the National Board for Certification in Occupational
18	Therapy e	ligibility determination process for occupational
19	therapy a	ssistants and shall have passed a national
20	<u>certifica</u>	tion examination administered by the National Board for
21	Certifica	tion in Occupational Therapy.

1	<u>§457</u>	G-D Supervision of occupational therapy assistants;			
2	partnersh	ip with occupational therapists. (a) An occupational			
3	therapy a	ssistant may practice occupational therapy only under			
4	the super	vision of, and in partnership with, an occupational			
5	therapist	who is licensed to practice occupational therapy in			
6	the State	. The occupational therapist shall be responsible for			
7	occupatio	nal therapy evaluation, appropriate reassessment,			
8	treatment planning, interventions, and discharge from				
9	occupatio	nal therapy based on standard professional guidelines.			
10	The supervising occupational therapist and the supervised				
11	occupational therapy assistant shall have legal and ethical				
12	responsib	ility for ongoing management of supervision, including			
13	providing	, requesting, giving, or obtaining supervision.			
14	(b)	The supervising occupational therapist shall:			
15	(1)	Determine the frequency, level, and nature of			
16		supervision with input from the occupational therapy			
17		assistant; and			
18	(2)	Base the supervision determination on a variety of			
19		factors, including the clients' required level of			
20		care, treatment plan, and experience and pertinent			
21		skills of the occupational therapy assistant.			

1	<u>(c)</u>	The supervising occupational therapist shall supervise
2	the occup	ational therapy assistant to ensure that the
3	occupatio	nal therapy assistant:
4	(1)	Does not initiate or alter a treatment program without
5		prior evaluation by and approval of the supervising
6		occupational therapist;
7	(2)	Obtains prior approval of the supervising occupational
8		therapist before making adjustments to a specific
9		treatment procedure; and
10	(3)	Does not interpret data beyond the scope of the
11		occupational therapy assistant's education and
12		training.
13	<u>§457</u>	G-E Exemptions. (a) Nothing in this chapter shall be
14	construed	to prohibit any person from acting within the scope of
15	a license	issued to that person under any other law; provided
16	that the	person shall not claim to be an occupational therapist
17	or occupa	tional therapy assistant, or claim to be performing
18	occupation	nal therapy, unless the person is also licensed under
19	this chap	ter.
20	(b)	Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit
21	students	in an educational program for occupational therapists
22	or occupa	tional therapy assistants from participating in
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1 activities that are conducted as part of the educational program 2 and are under the guidance and supervision of a licensed 3 occupational therapist. 4 (c) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit 5 a person licensed as an occupational therapist in another state 6 or foreign country from practicing occupational therapy in this 7 State if the person is part of an educational demonstration or 8 instructional program or seminar sponsored by an educational 9 institution, hospital, medical care program, the Occupational **10** Therapy Association of Hawaii, or any other similar person or 11 group, for the duration of the program or seminar and confined 12 to the purpose of the program or seminar. 13 (d) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit 14 an occupational therapist who is practicing in the United States 15 armed services, United States Public Health Service, or 16 Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to federal regulations 17 for state licensure of health care providers from practicing as 18 an occupational therapist; provided that if the person, while 19 federally employed as an occupational therapist, engages in the 20 practice of occupational therapy outside the course and scope of 21 the person's federal employment, the person shall be required to 22 obtain a license in accordance with this chapter.

- 1 §457G-F Biennial renewal; failure to renew; restoration, 2 inactive license; conversion from registration. (a) The biennial renewal fee shall be paid to the department on or 3 4 before December 31 of each even-numbered year. Failure, 5 neglect, or refusal of any licensee to pay the biennial renewal 6 fee on or before this date shall constitute a forfeiture of the 7 license. A forfeited license may be restored upon written 8 application within one year from the date of forfeiture and the 9 payment of the delinquent fee plus an amount equal to fifty per 10 cent of the delinquent fee. 11 (b) Upon written application by the licensee, the director 12 may place the licensee's active license on inactive status. 13 During the inactive period, a licensee shall not engage in the 14 practice of occupational therapy. The license may be 15 reactivated at any time by the licensee by submitting a written 16 application to the director and payment of the renewal and any 17 other applicable fees. A licensee's inactive status shall not 18 deprive the director of the director's authority to institute or 19 continue any disciplinary or enforcement action against the 20 licensee. 21 (c) Effective with the December 31, 2014, renewal period,
- 22 each active occupational therapist registration shall be SB2472 HD3 HMS 2014-3101

1	converted	to an active occupational therapist license by
2	operation	of law. The conversion from registration to licensure
3	shall not	<u>:</u>
4	(1)	Affect any prior discipline, limitation, or condition
5		imposed by the director on an occupational therapist's
6		registration;
7	(2)	Limit the director's authority over any registrant; or
8	(3)	Affect any pending investigation or administrative
9		proceeding.
10	(d)	Effective January 1, 2015, the director shall treat
11	any applio	cation pending for an occupational therapist
12	registrat:	ion as an application for licensure, and the
13	application	on shall be subject to the requirements established by
14	the direct	cor in accordance with this chapter.
15	§4570	G-G License revocation or suspension; reinstatement;
16	probation	(a) In addition to any other actions authorized by
17	law, any	license issued under this chapter may be revoked or
18	suspended	by the director at any time for any cause authorized
19	by law, in	ncluding but not limited to the following:
20	(1)	Obtaining a fee on the assurance that a manifestly
21		incurable disease can be permanently cured;
22	(2)	Wilfully betraying patient confidentiality;

1	(3)	Making an untruthful and improbable statement in			
2		advertising one's practice or business;			
3	(4)	False, fraudulent, or deceptive advertising;			
4	(5)	Being habituated to the excessive use of drugs or			
5		alcohol or being or having been addicted to, dependent			
6		on, or a habitual user of a narcotic, barbiturate,			
7		amphetamine, hallucinogen, or other drug having			
8		similar effects;			
9	(6)	Practicing occupational therapy while the ability to			
10		practice is impaired by alcohol, drugs, or mental			
11		instability;			
12	(7)	Procuring a license through fraud, misrepresentation,			
13		or deceit, or knowingly permitting an unlicensed			
14		person to practice occupational therapy;			
15	(8)	Professional misconduct, gross negligence, or manifest			
16		incapacity in the practice of occupational therapy;			
17	<u>(9)</u>	Conduct or practice contrary to recognized standards			
18		of ethics for the practice of occupational therapy in			
19		the United States; or			
20	(10)	Violation of this chapter, chapter 436B, or any rule			
21		or order of the director.			

- 1 To reinstate a suspended license, or to grant (b) 2 licensure to an applicant whose license was previously revoked, 3 the director may require further education or training or 4 require proof of competence in performance. 5 (c) In lieu of revoking or suspending a license, the 6 director may place the licensee on probation, the terms of which 7 may require observation of the licensee by a licensed 8 occupational therapist. 9 (d) Any licensee or applicant who violates this section 10 may be fined not more than \$1,000 per violation in addition to 11 any other fine or fee imposed. 12 §457G-H License required. (a) Except as specifically 13 provided in this chapter, no person shall engage in the practice 14 of occupational therapy or use the title "licensed occupational **15** therapist" or "occupational therapist" without a valid license **16** to practice occupational therapy issued pursuant to this **17** chapter. 18 (b) Except as specifically provided in this chapter, no 19 person shall engage in the practice of occupational therapy as 20 an occupational therapist assistant or use the title "licensed 21 occupational therapist assistant" or "occupational therapist 22 assistant" unless:
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1	(1)	The practice is performed under the supervision of and						
2		in partnership with a person who is an occupational						
3	therapist licensed to practice occupational therapy in							
4		the State; and						
5	(2)	The person possesses a valid license issued pursuant						
6	•	to this chapter to practice occupational therapy as an						
7		occupational therapy assistant.						
8	<u>(c)</u>	Any person who violates this section shall be subject						
9	to a fine	of not more than \$1,000 per violation."						
10	SECTION 3. Section 457G-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is							
11	amended as follows:							
12	1.	By adding three new definitions to be appropriately						
13	inserted	and to read:						
14	" <u>"</u> Fo	reign-trained person" means a person who has completed						
15	an educat	ional program or course of study in occupational						
16	therapy i	n an institution located outside the United States.						
17	<u>"Occ</u>	upational therapist" means a person who engages in the						
18	practice	of occupational therapy in this State.						
19	<u>"Occ</u>	upational therapy assistant" means a person who engages						
20	in the pr	actice of occupational therapy under the supervision of						
21	and in pa	rtnership with an occupational therapist."						

1	2.	By repealing the definition of "occupational therapy					
2	services"	es".					
3	["#0	ccupational therapy services" include:					
4	(1)	The assessment of needs and provision of treatment in					
5		consultation with the individual, family, or other					
6		appropriate persons;					
7	(2)	Interventions directed toward developing, improving,					
8		ascertaining, enhancing, or restoring:					
9		(A) Daily living skills, including self care skills					
10		and activities that involve interactions with					
11		others and the environment, work readiness or					
12		work performance, play skills or leisure					
13		capacities, or educational performance skills; or					
14		(B) Sensorimotor, oral motor, perceptual, or					
15		neuromuscular functioning; or emotional,					
16		motivational, cognitive, or psychosocial					
17		components of performance;					
18	(3)	The education of the individual, family, or other					
19	* .	appropriate persons in carrying out appropriate					
20		interventions;					
21	(4)	Design, development, adaptation, application, or					
22		training in the use of:					

1		A) Assistive technology devices; and
2		B) Rehabilitative technology such as orthotic or
3		prosthetic devices;
4	(5)	he application of physical agent modalities as an
. 5		djunct to, or in preparation for, purposeful
6		ectivity;
7	(6)	the application of ergonomic principles, and the
8		daptation of environments and processes to enhance
9		unctional performance; and
10	(7)	he promotion of health and wellness."]
11	SECT	N 4. Section 457G-1.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12	amended t	read as follows:
13	"§45	-1.5 Practice of occupational therapy[+
14	qualifica	ons; registration]. (a) [No person shall represent,
15	advertise	or announce oneself, either publicly or privately, as
16	an occupa	onal therapist, nor use, in connection with the
17	person's	me or place of business, the words "occupational
18	therapist	"certified occupational therapist", "occupational
19	therapist	egistered", or the letters "OT", "COT", or "OTR", or
20	any other	ords, letters, abbreviations, or insignia indicating
21	or implyi	that such person is an occupational therapist unless
22	such pers	registers the person's name and business address
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1 biennially with the department of commerce and consumer affairs 2 in a manner established by rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91, 3 and meets the qualifications of section 457G-2. 4 (b) The department shall maintain and biennially update a 5 list of the names and business addresses of the occupational therapists who are registered under subsection (a). 6 7 (c) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit 8 a registered occupational therapist from utilizing occupational 9 therapy support personnel to assist in the practice of 10 occupational therapy; provided that the occupational therapy 11 support personnel shall work under the supervision of or in 12 consultation with the registered occupational therapist. **13** "Occupational therapy support personnel" includes a person 14 certified by the National Board for Certification in 15 Occupational Therapy, and who uses the title "occupational 16 therapy assistant" or "certified occupational therapy **17** assistant", the letters "COTA" or "OTA", or any other titles, 18 letters, abbreviations, or insignia indicating or implying that the person is an occupational therapy assistant. 19 20 (d) A registration granted under this chapter shall mean 21 that the person has met-requirements that include minimum 22 practice standards to provide protection to the public and is

1	permitted to use the title and engage in the practice as an
2	occupational therapist. In the granting of permission to engage
3	in this profession, and consistent with section 436B-2, the
4	definition for "license" is inclusive of a registration issued
5	under this chapter and, as such, an occupational therapist that
6	holds a registration shall be similarly regarded as an
7	occupational therapist that holds a license.] The practice of
8	occupational therapy is the therapeutic use of everyday life
9	activities with individuals or groups for the purpose of
10	participation in roles and situations in home, school,
11	workplace, community, and other settings. It includes:
12	(1) Evaluation of factors affecting activities of daily
13	living, instrumental activities of daily living, rest
14	and sleep, education, work, play, leisure, and social
15	participation, including:
16	(A) Client factors, including body functions, such as
17	neuromusculoskeletal, sensory-perceptual, visual,
18	mental, cognitive, and pain factors; body
19	structures, such as cardiovascular, digestive,
20	nervous, integumentary, genitourinary systems,
21	and structures related to movement, values,
22	beliefs, and spirituality;

1		<u>(B)</u>	Habits, routines, roles, rituals, and behavior
2			<pre>patterns;</pre>
3		(C)	Occupational and social environments, cultural,
4			personal, temporal, and virtual contexts and
5			activity demands that affect performance; and
6		(D)	Performance skills, including motor and praxis,
7			sensory-perceptual, emotional regulation,
8			cognitive, communication, and social skills;
9	(2)	Meth	ods or approaches selected to direct the process
10		of i	nterventions, including:
11		(A)	Establishment, remediation, or restoration of a
12			skill or ability that has not yet developed, is
13			impaired, or is in decline;
14		<u>(B)</u>	Compensation, modification, or adaptation of
15			activity or environment to enhance performance or
16			prevent injuries, disorders, or other conditions;
17		<u>(C)</u>	Retention and enhancement of skills or abilities
18			without which performance in everyday life
19			activities would decline;
20		(D)	Promotion of health and wellness, including the
21			use of self-management strategies, to enable or

1			enhance performance in everyday life activities;
2			and
3		(E)	Prevention of barriers to performance and
4			participation, including injury and disability
5			prevention; and
6	(3)	Inte	erventions and procedures to promote or enhance
7		safe	ty and performance in activities of daily living,
8		inst	rumental activities of daily living, rest and
9		slee	p, education, work, play, leisure, and social
10		part	icipation, including:
11		<u>(A)</u>	Therapeutic use of occupations, exercises, and
12			activities;
13		<u>(B)</u>	Training in self-care, self-management, health
14			management and maintenance, home management,
15			community reintegration, work reintegration,
16			school activities, and work performance;
17		<u>(C)</u>	Development, remediation, or compensation of
18			neuromusculoskeletal, sensory-perceptual, visual,
19			mental, and cognitive functions; pain tolerance
20			and management; and behavioral skills;

1 .	<u>(D)</u>	Therapeutic use of self, including one's
2		personality, insights, perceptions, and
3		judgments, as part of the therapeutic process;
4	(E)	Education and training of individuals, including
5		family members, caregivers, groups, populations,
6		and others;
7	<u>(F)</u>	Care coordination, case management, and
8		transition services;
9	<u>(G)</u>	Consultative services to groups, programs,
10		organizations, or communities;
11	(H)	Modification of environments, such as home, work,
12		school, or community, and adaptation of
13		processes, including the application of ergonomic
14		principles;
15	<u>(I)</u>	Assessment, design, fabrication, application,
16		fitting, and training in seating and positioning;
17		assistive technology; adaptive devices; orthotic
18		devices; and training in the use of prosthetic
19		devices;
20	<u>(J)</u>	Assessment, recommendation, and training in
21		techniques to enhance functional mobility,

1		including management of wheelchairs and other
2		mobility devices;
3	(K)	Low vision rehabilitation;
4	<u>(L)</u>	Driver rehabilitation and community mobility;
5	(M)	Management of feeding, eating, and swallowing to
6		enable eating and feeding performance;
7	(N)	Application of physical agent modalities and use
8		of a range of specific therapeutic procedures,
9		such as wound care management, interventions to
10		enhance sensory-perceptual and cognitive
11		processing, and manual therapy, to enhance
12		performance skills; and
13	(0)	Facilitating the occupational performance of
14		groups, populations, or organizations through the
15		modification of environments and the adaptation
16		of processes.
17	(b) No pe	erson shall engage in the practice of occupational
18	therapy gratui	tously or for pay, offer to practice occupational
19	therapy, offer	occupational therapy, or represent, advertise, or
20	announce, eith	er publicly or privately, that the person is an
21	occupational th	nerapist, unless the person is appropriately
22	licensed under	this chapter.
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1	(c)	No person shall use, in connection with the person's				
2	name or k	ousiness, the words "occupational therapist licensed",				
3	"register	red occupational therapist", "licensed occupational				
4	therapist	", "occupational therapist", or "doctor of occupational				
5	therapy",	or the letters "OT", "OTR", "OTD", "OT/L", "OTR/L", or				
6	"OTD/L",	or any other words, letters, abbreviations, or insignia				
7	indicating or implying that the person is an occupational					
8	therapist	unless the person is appropriately licensed as an				
9	occupational therapist under this chapter.					
10	(d)	Effective January 1, 2017, except as otherwise				
11	provided	in this chapter, no person shall engage in the practice				
12	of occupa	tional therapy or represent the person's self as able				
13	to practi	ce as an occupational therapy assistant in the State				
14	unless:					
15	(1)	The practice is done under the supervision of and in				
16		partnership with an occupational therapist who is				
17		licensed to practice occupational therapy in the				
18		State; and				
19	(2)	The person possesses a valid license issued pursuant				
20		to this chapter to practice occupational therapy as an				
21		occupational therapy assistant.				

1	(e) No person shall use the title "occupational therapy
2	assistant licensed", "licensed occupational therapy assistant",
3	the letters "OTA/L" or "COTA/L", or any other words, letters,
4	abbreviations, or insignia indicating or implying that the
5	person is an occupational therapy assistant unless that person
6	is appropriately licensed as an occupational therapy assistant
7	under this chapter."
8	SECTION 5. Section 457G-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9	amended to read as follows:
10	"§457G-2 Qualifications of occupational therapists. (a)
11	[Occupational] To qualify for licensure in this state,
12	occupational therapists shall have completed the educational
13	requirements and supervised field work experience required for
14	certification by the National Board for Certification in
15	Occupational Therapy[$_{7}$] and shall have passed a national
16	certification examination administered by that association.
17	(b) In the case of foreign-trained persons, the applicant
18	for an occupational therapy license shall have completed the
19	National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy
20	eligibility determination process for occupational therapists
21	and shall have passed a national certification examination

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    administered by the National Board for Certification in
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    Occupational Therapy."
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         SECTION 6. Section 457G-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
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    repealed.
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         ["[§457G-3] Injunction. The attorney general or the
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    director of the office of consumer protection may bring
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    proceedings to enjoin any violation of this chapter."]
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         SECTION 7. Section 457G-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
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    repealed.
         ["[§457G-4] Civil penalty. Any person violating any
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    provisions of this chapter shall be fined a sum of not less than
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    $500 nor more than $10,000 for each violation, which sum shall
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    be collected in a civil action brought by the attorney general
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    or the director of the office of consumer protection on behalf
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    of the State."]
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                     There is appropriated out of the compliance
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    resolution fund established pursuant to section 26-9(o), Hawaii
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    Revised Statutes, the sum of $ or so much thereof as may
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    be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 to implement an
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    occupational therapy licensure program, including hiring of
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    necessary personnel to assist with the implementation and
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    continuing functions of chapter 457G, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
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- 1 as well as covering operating expenditures such as office
- 2 supplies, postage, and other current expenses to carry out and
- 3 maintain the new regulatory area within the purview of the
- 4 director of commerce and consumer affairs; provided that the
- 5 department of commerce and consumer affairs may employ necessary
- 6 personnel without regard to chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
- 7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 8 commerce and consumer affairs for the purposes of this Act.
- 9 SECTION 9. Upon issuance of a new license and at each
- 10 license renewal period, each licensee shall be assessed a
- 11 surcharge of \$100 in addition to the other licensing fees. This
- 12 surcharge shall cease once the amount collected from the
- 13 surcharge imposed pursuant to this section is equal to the
- 14 amount of the appropriation in section 8 of this Act.
- 15 SECTION 10. In codifying the new sections added by section
- 16 2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
- 17 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
- 18 the new sections in this Act.
- 19 SECTION 11. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 21 SECTION 12. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Report Title:

Occupational Therapy; Occupational Therapists; Occupational Therapy Assistants; Regulation; Licensing; Appropriation

Description:

Improves the regulation of occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants by establishing an occupational therapy program and licensing requirements for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants. Makes an appropriation. (SB2472 HD3)

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