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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ATTORNEYS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 605-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
- "(b) In order to be licensed by the supreme court, a
- 4 person shall be of good moral character, and shall satisfy such
- 5 residence and other requirements as the supreme court may
- 6 prescribe[-]; provided that no person shall be required to join
- 7 any private organization as a requirement for licensure."
- 8 SECTION 2. Section 605-15.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 9 amended to read as follows:
- 10 "§605-15.1 Standing. The attorney general or [any bar
- 11 association] a disciplinary body authorized by the supreme court
- 12 in this State may maintain an action for violations of section
- 13 605-14."
- 14 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. 1

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INTRODUCED BY:

S.B. NO. 153

Report Title:

Attorney Qualifications; Disciplinary Board

Description:

Establishes that there is no requirement for an attorney to join any association or organization of lawyers to maintain a law license in this State. Authorizes a disciplinary body authorized by the supreme court, rather than a bar association, and maintain actions for the unauthorized practice of law.

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