
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHAPTER 453, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that one of the goals of
2 medical licensure should be to establish access to quality
3 medical care and overcome geographic barriers.

4 The legislature further finds that additional barriers such
5 as availability and access may exist which can impede licensure
6 in Hawaii of qualified physicians, surgeons, and osteopathic
7 physicians. The legislature additionally finds that licensure
8 by endorsement will provide an expedited and efficient process
9 for a qualified physician, surgeon, or osteopathic physician to
10 become licensed and provide quality medical care in Hawaii.

11 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish
12 requirements for the licensure by endorsement of physicians,
13 surgeons, and osteopathic physicians to practice in Hawaii.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 453, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
16 and to read as follows:



1 "§453- Licensure by endorsement. (a) The board may
2 issue a license by endorsement to a physician, surgeon, or
3 osteopathic physician if:

4 (1) The applicant:

5 (A) Files an application and pays fees as prescribed
6 by the board;

7 (B) Holds a current, unencumbered, active license in
8 a jurisdiction that requires qualifications
9 substantially equivalent to or greater than the
10 qualifications for licensure in this State as
11 specified in section 453-4; and

12 (C) Submits proof satisfactory to the board that the
13 applicant has actively practiced medicine in
14 another jurisdiction for at least two of the
15 immediate preceding five years; and

16 (2) The board determines that no disciplinary action has
17 been taken by any medical licensing authority and the
18 applicant has not been the subject of adverse
19 judgments or settlements resulting from the practice
20 of medicine that the board determines constitute
21 evidence of a pattern of negligence or incompetence.



1 (b) The board may require an applicant seeking licensure
2 by endorsement to take and pass the Special Purpose Examination
3 (SPEX) or the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Variable-Purpose
4 Examination - USA (COMVEX-USA) to assist the board in
5 determining the applicant's ability to safely and competently
6 engage in the practice of medicine."

7 SECTION 3. The department of commerce and consumer affairs
8 may employ necessary personnel without regard to chapter 76,
9 Hawaii Revised Statutes, to assist with the implementation and
10 continuing functions of this Act.

11 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the compliance
12 resolution fund established pursuant to section 26-9(o), Hawaii
13 Revised Statutes, the sum of \$104,000 or so much thereof as may
14 be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for purposes of
15 implementing this Act.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
17 commerce and consumer affairs for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018;
20 provided that section 2 shall take effect on December 31, 2018.



Report Title:

Physicians; Surgeons; Osteopathic Physicians; Licensure;
Licensure by Endorsement; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes requirements for licensure by endorsement for
physicians, surgeons, and osteopathic physicians beginning on
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