

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTROCONVULSIVE TREATMENT.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 453, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
- 3 designated and to read as follows:
- 4 "§453- Electroconvulsive treatment of minors;
- 5 prohibited. (a) No physician or osteopathic physician shall
- 6 engage in or attempt to engage in electroconvulsive treatment on
- 7 a person under eighteen years of age.
- **8** (b) Any person licensed as a physician or osteopathic
- 9 physician who engages in or attempts to engage in
- 10 electroconvulsive treatment on a person under eighteen years of
- 11 age shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Hawaii
- 12 Medical Board.
- (c) For purposes of this section, "electroconvulsive
- 14 treatment" means the intentional passage of electrical current
- 15 through a patient's head in a voltage sufficient to induce a
- 16 seizure."

- 1 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 3 begun before its effective date.
- 4 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Physicians; Electroconvulsive Treatment; Minors; Prohibited

Description:

Prohibits physicians from using electroconvulsive treatment on minors.

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