



GOV. MSG. NO. 1199

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

June 25, 2021

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 25, 2021, the following bill was signed into law:

SB324 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE  
**ACT 097 (21)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor  
JUN 25 2021  
on \_\_\_\_\_  
THE SENATE  
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2021  
STATE OF HAWAII

**ACT 097**  
**S.B. NO.** 324  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1  
C.D. 1

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the definition of  
2 the practice of medicine was last amended in 2008 to include a  
3 distinct definition of osteopathic medicine. The legislature  
4 further finds that medical doctors and osteopathic doctors are  
5 both physicians of equivalent education and training and should  
6 be regulated as such.

7 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish a  
8 definition of the practice of medicine that provides uniformity  
9 of practice for both medical and osteopathic physicians.

10 SECTION 2. Section 453-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 "§453-1 Practice of medicine defined. For the purposes of  
13 this chapter, the practice of medicine by a physician or an  
14 osteopathic physician includes the use of drugs and  
15 medicines [ ] ; surgery; manual medicine; water [ ] ;  
16 electricity [ ] ; hypnotism [ ] ; telehealth; the interpretation of  
17 tests, including primary diagnosis of pathology specimens,  
18 medical imaging, or any physical; osteopathic medicine [ ] ;

1 any means, ~~[or]~~ method, or [any] agent, either tangible or  
2 intangible, ~~[for the treatment of]~~ to diagnose, treat, prescribe  
3 for, palliate, or correct disease, or prevent any human disease,  
4 condition, ailment, pain, injury, deformity, illness, infirmity,  
5 defect, physical or mental condition in the human subject [~~+~~  
6 ~~provided that when a duly licensed physician or osteopathic~~  
7 ~~physician pronounces a person affected with any disease hopeless~~  
8 ~~and beyond recovery and gives a written certificate to that~~  
9 ~~effect to the person affected or the person's attendant nothing~~  
10 ~~herein shall forbid any person from giving or furnishing any~~  
11 ~~remedial agent or measure when so requested by or on behalf of~~  
12 ~~the affected person]~~ .

13 This section shall not amend or repeal the law respecting  
14 the treatment of those affected with Hansen's disease.

15 ~~[For purposes of this chapter, "osteopathic medicine" means~~  
16 ~~the utilization of full methods of diagnosis and treatment in~~  
17 ~~physical and mental health and disease, including the~~  
18 ~~prescribing and administration of drugs and biologicals of all~~  
19 ~~kinds, operative surgery, obstetrics, radiological, and other~~  
20 ~~electromagnetic emissions, and placing special emphasis on the~~  
21 ~~interrelation of the neuro-musculoskeletal system to all other~~

1 ~~body systems, and the amelioration of disturbed structure~~  
2 ~~function relationships by the clinical application of the~~  
3 ~~osteopathic diagnosis and therapeutic skills for the maintenance~~  
4 ~~of health and treatment of disease.]"~~

5 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

APPROVED this 25 day of JUN, 2021



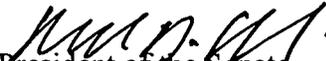
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. No. 324, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: April 27, 2021  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2021.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 324, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 27, 2021  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives