
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 457, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§457- Temporary permit. (a) The board may issue a
5 temporary permit to a practical nurse or registered nurse
6 licensed in another jurisdiction who:

7 (1) Completes an application on a form prescribed by the
8 board;

9 (2) Pays all applicable fees to the board as prescribed by
10 administrative rules;

11 (3) Provides proof of a valid and unencumbered license in
12 another state, territory, or country by way of a
13 license verification from the other state, territory,
14 or country, or Nursys license verification report as
15 prescribed by administrative rules;

16 (4) Completes the fingerprinting requirement for a federal
17 and state criminal record check; and



1 (5) Submits to the board a certified copy of the self-
2 query report issued by the National Practitioner Data
3 Bank.

4 (b) The board may issue a temporary permit to a nurse who
5 currently holds a multistate license issued by another state,
6 territory, or country; provided that the individual:

7 (1) Completes an application on a form prescribed by the
8 board;

9 (2) Pays all applicable fees to the board as prescribed by
10 administrative rules;

11 (3) Provides proof of a valid and unencumbered multistate
12 license in another state, territory, or country by way
13 of a Nursys license verification report as prescribed
14 by administrative rules. For purposes of this
15 subsection, a "multistate license" means a license to
16 practice as a licensed practical nurse or registered
17 nurse issued by a home state licensing board that
18 authorizes the licensed nurse to practice in all party
19 states under a multistate licensure privilege; and



1 (4) Submits to the board a certified copy of the self-
2 query report issued by the National Practitioner Data
3 Bank.

4 (c) A temporary permit shall be issued only to an
5 applicant who has been appointed or accepted employment with a
6 single health care entity in the State listed in section 321-
7 11(10).

8 (d) A temporary permit shall be issued within ten business
9 days of the date the completed application is received by the
10 board and shall be valid for a period of no longer than six
11 months from the date of issuance.

12 (e) Beginning July 1, 2025, notwithstanding sections 457-7
13 and 457-8, an out-of-state registered nurse or licensed
14 practical nurse may apply for a temporary permit based on the
15 requirements of subsections (a) and (b), simultaneously with an
16 application for a license to practice as a registered nurse or
17 licensed practical nurse in the State. Any out-of-state
18 registered nurse or licensed practical nurse applying
19 simultaneously for a temporary permit and license to practice
20 shall be required to submit only one application with a single,
21 non-refundable fee as prescribed by the board. A temporary

1 permit pursuant to this subsection shall be issued within ten
2 business days of the date the completed application is received
3 by the board; provided that all criteria in subsections (a) or
4 (b), and (c) have been met; provided further that the temporary
5 permit issued pursuant to this subsection shall be valid until
6 the time the board approves the individual's application for a
7 license to practice as a registered nurse or licensed practical
8 nurse but no longer than one year."

9 SECTION 2. Section 457-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

11 "(b) Licenses shall be granted either by:

12 (1) Examination: The applicant shall be required to pass
13 a written examination in nursing subjects as
14 determined by the board. Upon the applicant's passage
15 of the examination and compliance with the applicable
16 requirements of this chapter and the rules of the
17 board, the board shall issue to the applicant a
18 license to practice nursing as a registered nurse; or

19 (2) Endorsement: The board may issue a license to
20 practice nursing as a registered nurse by endorsement
21 to an applicant who has been licensed as a registered



1 nurse under the laws of another state, territory, or
2 foreign country if the applicant has an unencumbered
3 license and, in the opinion of the board, the
4 applicant meets the qualifications required of
5 registered nurses in this State at the time of
6 graduation. [~~Pending verification of a valid,
7 unencumbered license from another state, territory, or
8 foreign country, a temporary permit may be issued for
9 employment with a Hawaii employer.]"~~

10 SECTION 3. Section 457-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

12 "(b) Licenses shall be granted either by:

13 (1) Examination: The applicant shall be required to pass
14 a written examination in nursing subjects as
15 determined by the board. Upon the applicant's passage
16 of the examination and compliance with the applicable
17 requirements of this chapter and the rules of the
18 board, the board shall issue to the applicant a
19 license to practice nursing as a licensed practical
20 nurse; or



1 (2) Endorsement: The board may issue a license to
2 practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse by
3 endorsement to any applicant who has been licensed as
4 a licensed practical nurse, or a person entitled to
5 perform similar services under a different title,
6 under the laws of another state, territory, or foreign
7 country if the applicant has an unencumbered license
8 and, in the opinion of the board, the applicant meets
9 the requirements for licensed practical nurses in this
10 State at the time of graduation. [Pending
11 ~~verification of a valid, unencumbered license from~~
12 ~~another state, territory, or foreign country, a~~
13 ~~temporary permit may be issued for employment with a~~
14 ~~Hawaii employer.]"~~

15 SECTION 4. Section 457-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 "**§457-13 Exceptions.** This chapter does not prohibit:

- 18 (1) The furnishing of nursing assistance in an emergency;
- 19 (2) The practice of nursing that is incidental to the
- 20 program of study engaged in by students enrolled in
- 21 nursing education programs accredited by the board;



1 ~~[(3) The practice of nursing under a nonrenewable permit~~
2 ~~by:~~
3 ~~(A) A graduate of; or~~
4 ~~(B) An applicant who has provided proof that the~~
5 ~~applicant has completed the entire educational~~
6 ~~curriculum required for graduation for a nursing~~
7 ~~license from,~~
8 ~~a school that is in or under the jurisdiction of the~~
9 ~~United States, a territory, or a foreign jurisdiction,~~
10 ~~and whose accreditation is recognized by the board;~~
11 ~~provided that following completion of subparagraph (A)~~
12 ~~or (B), the candidate takes the first licensing~~
13 ~~examination scheduled by any board of nursing~~
14 ~~recognized by the board and has submitted to the board~~
15 ~~an application for a license to practice nursing in~~
16 ~~the State; provided further that the permit shall be~~
17 ~~valid for three months or until the results of the~~
18 ~~licensing examination are received by the board;~~
19 ~~(4)]~~ (3) The practice of any legally qualified nurse of
20 another state who is employed by the United States or



1 any bureau, division, or agency thereof, while in the
2 discharge of the nurse's official duties;

3 [~~5~~] (4) The practice of nursing in connection with
4 healing by prayer or spiritual means alone in
5 accordance with the tenets and practice of any well
6 recognized church or religious denomination; provided
7 that no person practicing the nursing described in
8 this paragraph claims to practice as a registered
9 nurse or a licensed practical nurse; [~~or~~]

10 [~~6~~] (5) The administration of oral and topical medication
11 and in emergency situations, other premeasured
12 medication, by school health assistants as provided in
13 section 302A-853[~~7~~]; or

14 (6) The practice of nursing by a nurse licensed in another
15 state, territory, or country who is accompanying a
16 patient or patients from out of state for less than
17 two weeks and who is not employed by or affiliated
18 with a health care entity in the State."

19 SECTION 5. The department of commerce and consumer affairs
20 may adopt interim rules to establish fees for the administration
21 of this Act. All fees collected shall be deposited into the



1 credit of the compliance resolution fund established pursuant to
2 section 26-9(o), Hawaii Revised Statutes. Fees assessed shall
3 be used to carry out the purposes of this Act without regard to
4 chapters 91 or 201M, Hawaii Revised Statutes; provided that:

- 5 (1) The department shall hold at least one public hearing
6 prior to the adoption of interim rules; and
- 7 (2) The interim rules shall be effective for no more than
8 one year after their adoption.

9 SECTION 6. The department of commerce and consumer affairs
10 may employ necessary personnel without regard to chapter 76,
11 Hawaii Revised Statutes, including one full-time equivalent (1.0
12 FTE) permanent office assistant, for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024;
16 provided that section 1 shall take effect on January 1, 2025.



Report Title:

Board of Nursing; Nurses; Registered Nurses; Practical Nurses;
Temporary Permits; Licenses; Exceptions

Description:

Effective 1/1/2025, allows the Board of Nursing to issue temporary permits to out-of-state licensed registered nurses and practical nurses and nurses who hold a multistate license issued by another state, territory, or country, under certain circumstances. Beginning 7/1/2025, allows an out-of-state licensed practical nurse or registered nurse to apply for a temporary permit simultaneously with an application for a license to practice in the State. Excepts from license requirements nurses who are licensed in another state, territory, or country accompanying a patient from out-of-state for a period of less than two weeks and not employed or affiliated with a health care entity in the State. (CD1)

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