
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that under existing law,
2 continuing education requirements for naturopathic physicians
3 only include courses approved by professional associations or
4 organizations approved by the board of naturopathic medicine.
5 Certain courses that are accredited by a naturopathic medical
6 school or another licensing board are not acceptable in the
7 State unless approved by a board-approved organization. This
8 requirement has resulted in significant amounts of additional
9 work for these board-approved organizations and confusion
10 amongst naturopathic physicians regarding acceptable continuing
11 education courses.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to expand the list
13 of acceptable institutions or organizations that meet the
14 continuing education requirements needed by naturopathic
15 physicians for license renewal.



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1 SECTION 2. Section 455-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "continuing education
3 courses" to read as follows:

4 "Continuing education courses" means courses approved by
5 [a]:

- 6 (1) A state or province naturopathic licensing board;
- 7 (2) A university, college, or institution of naturopathic
8 medicine program accredited by the Council on
9 Naturopathic Medical Education; or
- 10 (3) A professional association or organization
11 representing a licensed profession whose program
12 objectives are related to naturopathic medicine;
13 provided that the professional association or
14 organization is approved by the board."

15 SECTION 3. Section 455-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:

17 "(f) Prior to December 31 of each odd-numbered year, each
18 licensee shall:

- 19 (1) Complete the renewal form prescribed by the board and
20 certify that the licensee has complied with the



1 continuing education requirement of this section for
2 the applicable renewal period; and
3 (2) Submit evidence of completion of the continuing
4 education courses taken during the applicable renewal
5 period to the board, including but not limited to
6 certificates of completion. At a minimum,
7 documentation shall contain the following information:
8 (A) Name of the licensee;
9 (B) Title of the continuing education course taken;
10 (C) Date that the continuing education course was
11 taken;
12 (D) Name of the state or province licensing board,
13 accredited naturopathic medicine program, or
14 professional association or organization that
15 approved the continuing education course;
16 (E) Number of hours for the course; and
17 (F) Number of hours for the course in pharmacology."


18 SECTION 4 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Naturopathic Medicine; Continuing Education

Description:

Expands the list of acceptable institutions or organizations that can approve the continuing education courses needed by naturopathic physicians for license renewal.

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