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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 451A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§451A- Temporary license. (a) The director may issue
5 a temporary license to engage in the practice of dealing and
6 fitting of hearing aids to qualified individuals in a structured
7 training program.

8 (b) The director shall establish educational and training
9 standards with which a person applying for temporary licensure
10 under this section shall comply; provided that these standards
11 shall allow for a student enrolled in grades nine through twelve
12 to qualify for temporary licensure under this section. The
13 director shall establish requirements for eligible structured
14 training programs.

15 (c) The applicant shall be enrolled in a structured
16 training program on the date of application. The applicant
17 shall file a complete application, as prescribed by the



1 director, and pay all required fees. A temporary license shall
2 be issued only once to each person.

3 (d) A temporary license under this section shall authorize
4 the person to whom the license is issued to engage in the
5 practice of dealing and fitting of hearing aids to the extent as
6 determined by the director. The director shall establish
7 supervision requirements, limitations on scope and duration of
8 practice, and other conditions applicable to temporary licensure
9 under this section.

10 (e) If any person who is issued a temporary license
11 pursuant to this section fails to apply for, or to take, the
12 examination for licensure pursuant to section 451A-6 scheduled
13 by the director immediately following the person's graduation
14 from high school, fails to pass the examination, or otherwise
15 fails to receive licensure under section 451A-2, all privileges
16 under this section shall automatically cease upon written
17 notification sent to the applicant by the director.

18 (f) For the purposes of this section, "structured training
19 program" means a director-approved training program with
20 curriculum and skill development aligned with the education,

1 experience, and examination requirements for full licensure
2 under section 451A-2."

3 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

DCCA; Dealing and Fitting of Hearing Aids; High School Students; Temporary License; Structured Training Program

Description:

Authorizes the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to issue a temporary license to engage in the practice of dealing and fitting of hearing aids to high school students enrolled in a structured training program.

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