

A Bill for an Act Relating to Licensing of Nurses.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 457-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

"Sec. 457-7 Registered nurses; qualifications; licenses; fees; title; existing licensed nurses. (a) An applicant for a license to practice nursing as a registered nurse shall submit to the board written evidence, verified by oath or affirmation, that the applicant:

- (1) Has completed an approved high school course of study or the equivalent thereof as determined by the appropriate educational agency; and
- (2) Has completed the required state accredited nursing education program.

(b) Licenses shall be granted either:

- (1) By examination: The applicant shall be required to pass a written examination in such subjects as the board may determine. Upon successfully passing such examination, the board shall issue to the applicant a license to practice nursing as a registered nurse; or
- (2) By endorsement: The board may issue a license to practice nursing as a registered nurse by endorsement to an applicant who has been licensed as a registered nurse under the laws of another state, territory, or foreign country if, in the opinion of the board, the applicant meets the qualifications required of registered nurses in this State at the time of graduation.

(c) The applicant applying for a license to practice as a registered nurse shall pay a fee of \$20 to the board and a fee of \$5 for each reexamination.

(d) Any person who holds a license to practice nursing as a registered nurse in this State shall have the right to use the title 'Registered Nurse' and the abbreviation 'R.N.' No other person shall assume such title or use such abbreviation or any other words, letters, signs, or devices to indicate that the person using the same is a registered nurse.

(e) Any person holding a license or certificate of registration to practice nursing as a registered nurse issued by the board which is valid on June 12, 1970 shall be deemed to be licensed as a registered nurse under this chapter.

(f) Any person who requests to take the licensing examination to qualify for a license in a sister state shall pay a proctoring fee of \$10 to the board."

SECTION 2. Section 457-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

"Sec. 457-8 Licensed practical nurse; qualifications; license; fees; title; existing licensed nurses. (a) An applicant for a license to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse shall submit to the board written evidence, verified by oath or affirmation, that the applicant:

- (1) Has completed an approved high school course of study or the equiv-

alent thereof as determined by the appropriate educational agency.

(2) Has completed a prescribed curriculum in a state-accredited program to prepare for a licensed practical nurse and holds a diploma or certificate therefrom.

(b) Licenses shall be granted either:

(1) By examination: The applicant shall be required to pass a written examination in such subjects as the board may determine. Upon successfully passing such examination, the board shall issue to the applicant a license to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse; or

(2) By endorsement: The board may issue a license to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse by endorsement to any applicant who has been licensed as a licensed practical nurse, or a person entitled to perform similar services under a different title, under the laws of another state, territory, or foreign country if, in the opinion of the board, the applicant meets the requirements for licensed practical nurses in this State at the time of graduation.

(c) The applicant applying for a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse shall pay a fee of \$10 to the board and a fee of \$3 for each reexamination.

(d) Any person who holds a license to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse in this State shall have the right to use the title 'Licensed Practical Nurse' and the abbreviation 'L.P.N.'. No other person shall assume such title or use such abbreviation or any other words, letters, signs, or devices to indicate that the person using the same is a licensed practical nurse.

(e) Any person holding a license to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse issued by the board which is valid on June 12, 1970 shall be deemed to be licensed as a licensed practical nurse under this chapter.

(f) Any person who requests to take the licensing examination to qualify for a license in a sister state shall pay a proctoring fee of \$10 to the board."

SECTION 3. Material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.*

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

(Approved May 15, 1972.)

*Edited accordingly.