

A Bill for an Act Relating to Occupational Therapy.

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

SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

## “CHAPTER OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE

**Sec. -1 Practice of occupational therapy; qualifications.** No person shall represent, advertise, or announce himself, either publicly or privately, as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant, nor use, in connection with his name or place of business, the words “occupational therapist”, “occupational therapy assistant”, “certified occupational therapist”, “certified occupational therapist assistant”, “occupational therapist registered”, or the letters “OT”, “OTA”, “COT”, “COTA”, or “OTR”, or any other words, letters, abbreviations, or insignia indicating or implying that such person is an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant unless such person meets the qualifications of section -2.

**Sec. -2 Qualifications of occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants.** Occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants shall have completed the educational requirements and supervised field work experience required for certification by the American occupational therapy association, and shall have passed a national certification examination administered by that association.

**Sec. -3 Injunction.** The attorney general or the director of the office of consumer protection may bring proceedings to enjoin any violation of this chapter.

**Sec. -4 Civil penalty.** Any person violating any provisions of this chapter shall be fined a sum of not less than \$500 nor more than \$10,000 for each violation, which sum shall be collected in a civil action brought by the attorney general or the director of the office of consumer protection on behalf of the State.”

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 31, 1978.)