

A Bill for an Act Relating to Vocational Rehabilitation.

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

SECTION 1. Section 348-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definition of "physical restoration" to read:

"(5) The term "physical restoration" includes:

- (A) Corrective surgery or therapeutic treatment necessary to correct or substantially modify a physical or mental condition which is stable or slowly progressive and constitutes a substantial handicap to employment, but is of such a nature that the correction or modification may reasonably be expected to eliminate or substantially reduce the handicap within a reasonable length of time; and includes psychiatric treatment, dentistry, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech or hearing therapy, treatment of medical complications, and emergencies which are associated with or arise out of physical restoration services or are inherent in the condition under treatment, and other medical services related to rehabilitation;
- (B) Necessary hospitalization (either in-patient or out-patient) and nursing care in connection with surgery or treatment specified in the preceding subparagraph (A);
- (C) Prosthetic devices essential to obtaining or retaining employment."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.*

*The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.

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

(Approved May 24, 1980.)