

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Practice of Nursing.

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

SECTION 1. Section 457-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§457-2 Definitions. As used in this chapter unless the content otherwise requires:

- (1) “Board” means the State board of nursing.
- (2) “The practice of nursing as a registered nurse” means the performance for compensation of any act in the observation, care, and counsel of the ill, injured, or infirm, or in the maintenance of health or prevention of illness of others, or in the supervision and teaching of other personnel, or the administration of medications and treatments as prescribed by a licensed physician or dentist, requiring substantial specialized judgment and skill and based on knowledge and application of the principles of biological, physical, and social sciences. The foregoing shall not include acts of medical diagnosis or prescription of therapeutic or corrective measures.
- (3) “The practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse” means the performance for compensation of selected acts in the care of the ill, injured, or infirm under the direction of a registered nurse or a licensed physician or a licensed dentist, and not requiring the substantial specialized skill, judgment, and knowledge required in the practice of a registered nurse.]

“Board” means the State board of nursing.

“The practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse” means the performance of those acts commensurate with the required educational preparation and demonstrated competency of the individual, whereby the individual shall be accountable and responsible to the consumer for the quality of nursing care rendered. The foregoing may include, but not be limited to, implementation of basic nursing procedures in the plan of care; or observing and caring for individuals at all levels of the health spectrum, giving counsel and acting to safeguard life and health and functioning as a part of the health care team, under the direction of a dentist, medical doctor, registered nurse, osteopath, or podiatrist licensed in accordance with chapter 448, 453, 457, 460, or 463E; or administration of treatment and medication as prescribed; or promotion of health maintenance of individuals, families, or groups; or teaching and supervision of auxiliary personnel.

“The practice of nursing as a registered nurse” means the performance of professional services commensurate with the educational preparation and demonstrated competency of the individual having specialized knowledge, judgment, and skill based on the principles of the biological, physical, behavioral, and sociological sciences and nursing theory, whereby the individual shall be accountable and responsible to the consumer for the quality of nursing care rendered. The foregoing may include, but not be limited to, observation,

assessment, development, implementation, and evaluation of a plan of care, health counseling, supervision and teaching of other personnel, and teaching of individuals, families, and groups in any stage of health or illness; or administration, supervision, coordination, delegation, and evaluation of nursing practice; or provisions of health care to the patient in collaboration with other members of the health care team as autonomous health care professionals providing the nursing component of health care; or utilization of reasonable judgment in carrying out prescribed medical orders of a licensed dentist, medical doctor, osteopath, or podiatrist licensed in accordance with chapter 448, 453, 460, or 463E."

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

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

(Approved June 5, 1985.)