

A Bill for an Act Relating to Nursing.

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

SECTION 1. Section 457-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) In addition to any other powers and duties authorized by law, the board may:

- (1) Adopt, amend, or repeal rules, pursuant to chapter 91, not inconsistent with the law, as may be necessary to enable it to carry into effect this chapter[;], including the definition of the scope of practice of nursing and the delegation of nursing tasks based upon professional nursing standards;
- (2) Prescribe standards for preparing persons for licensure under this chapter;
- (3) Provide for surveys of educational programs as it may deem necessary;
- (4) Accredite educational programs as meet the requirements of this chapter and the rules of the board;
- (5) Deny or withdraw accreditation from educational programs for failure to meet prescribed standards;
- (6) Examine, license, and renew the licenses of qualified applicants;
- (7) Conduct hearings upon charges calling for discipline of a licensee or, denial, suspension, or revocation of a license;
- (8) Exercise the power to issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses, and administer oaths to persons giving testimony at hearings;
- (9) Cause the prosecution of all persons violating this chapter and [to] incur necessary expenses therefor; and
- (10) Keep a record of all its proceedings.”

SECTION 2. Section 457-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

“(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 the title or use the abbreviation or any other words, letters, signs, or devices to indicate that the person using the same is a registered nurse.”

SECTION 3. Section 457-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

“(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 the title or use the abbreviation or any other words, letters, signs, or devices to indicate that the person using the same is a licensed practical nurse.’’

SECTION 4. Section 457-8.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“~~[[§457-8.5]]~~ **Advanced practice registered nurse; qualifications; recognition; endorsement; fees.** (a) The board shall grant recognition as an advanced practice registered nurse provided the nurse has:

- (1) A current, unencumbered license as a registered nurse in this State;
- (2) An unencumbered license as a registered nurse in all other states in which the nurse is licensed; and
- (3) A master’s degree in nursing as specified in rules adopted by the board or a current certification for specialized and advanced nursing practice from a national certifying body recognized by the board; and
- (4) Paid appropriate fees.

(b) Any person who has been recognized by the board as an advanced practice registered nurse shall use the title ‘‘Advanced Practice Registered Nurse’’ and the abbreviation ‘‘A.P.R.N.’’, or specialty title and abbreviation in accordance with rules adopted by the board. No other person shall assume the title or use the abbreviation or any other words, letter, sign, or device to indicate that the person using the same is an advanced practice registered nurse.’’

SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 7, 1995.)