

ACT 39

S.B. NO. 1509

A Bill for an Act Relating to Education Requirements for Professional and Vocational Licensing.

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

SECTION 1. Section 447-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

- “(a) Any person:
- (1) Eighteen years of age or over;
 - [(2) Holding or having a diploma or a proper certificate of graduation from an accredited high school employing at least a four year course of instruction;
 - (3)] (2) Holding and having a diploma or proper certificate of graduation from a dental hygiene school accredited by the American Dental Association (A.D.A.) Commission on Dental Accreditation requiring at least a two year course, recognized by the board of dental examiners; and

[(4)] (3) Having been officially certified in the administration of intra-oral infiltration local anesthesia by an accredited dental hygiene school or by a certification program previously approved by the board; upon written application made to and filed with the [secretary of the] board at least sixty days prior to the date selected by the board for the examination, may be examined by the board for qualification as a dental hygienist.

The application for examination shall be accompanied by the applicant's certificate of graduation from an accredited dental hygiene school together with documentary proof of applicant's certification in the administration of intra-oral infiltration local anesthesia and, at the time of filing the application, the applicant shall pay to the board application and examination fees, which fees, together with all other fees or charges in this chapter, shall be as provided in rules adopted by the director of commerce and consumer affairs pursuant to chapter 91, and shall be deposited with the director of finance to the credit of the general fund."

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

"(a) An applicant for a license to practice nursing as a registered nurse shall submit an application on a form prescribed by the board and shall provide 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] has completed a nursing program approved by the Hawaii board of nursing."

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

"(a) An applicant for a license to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse shall submit an application on a form prescribed by the board and shall provide 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] has completed a licensed practical nurse program, or its equivalent, approved by the board, and holds a diploma or certificate therefrom."

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 22, 1997.)