

ACT 14

S.B. NO. 2725

A Bill for an Act Relating to Naturopathy.

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

SECTION 1. Section 455-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“§455-2 [~~Application for examination; fee.~~] Licensing application and requirements; fees.** (a) Any person desiring to practice naturopathy shall ~~[apply in writing to the board upon a form prepared and furnished]~~ be licensed under this chapter. To obtain a license under this chapter, a person shall submit a completed application prescribed by the board [and shall include in the application any facts concerning the applicant as the board shall require. At the time of the application each applicant shall pay an examination fee to the department. The examination fee may be paid directly to the testing agency by the department or the examinee. The examination fee shall not be refunded if the applicant fails to pass the examination.

No person shall be licensed to practice naturopathy unless the person has been duly examined and has passed the examination.], provide the information required under this chapter, rules of the board, and other applicable laws and rules, and pay a nonrefundable application fee and other fees provided in rules adopted by the director in accordance with chapter 91.

(b) To qualify for licensure, an applicant shall have met the education, examination, and other requirements prescribed by this chapter, the rules of the board, and other applicable laws and rules.”

SECTION 2. Section 455-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

~~“§455-3 [Qualifications of applicants.] Education requirements. Each applicant shall be a graduate of a school, university, or college of naturopathy that has received candidacy status with, or has been accredited by, a regional or a national [professional] accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education; provided that any applicant who graduated from a college of naturopathy prior to 1987 shall be deemed qualified if the college was approved by the board prior to 1987 and has been accredited by a regional or national [professional] accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education.”~~

SECTION 3. Section 455-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

~~“§455-7 [Examinations.] Examination requirements. (a) The board shall [conduct examinations not less than twice in each year on subjects as the board may require. If the applicant receives a converted score of seventy-five on each part of] specify the examination[, the applicant shall be considered as<sup>1</sup> having passed the examination.] for licensure in its rules.~~

~~(b) The board shall contract with a professional testing agency to prepare, administer, and grade [examinations] each part of the examination for licensure. Each applicant shall pass [a written] the examination that has been developed, validated, and tested for reliability by a professional testing agency selected by the board [that is able to demonstrate the validity and reliability of the examination]. The board shall provide in its rules the passing scores for [any examination given or approved by the board.] each part of the examination.~~

~~(c) To be eligible to take the examination for licensure, an applicant shall have met the education requirements specified in section 455-3.~~

~~(d) An applicant may apply to take the examination for licensure and pay any required examination fees directly to the professional testing agency.~~

~~(e) The board shall set forth the requirements and limitations for reexamination, if any, in its rules.”~~

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

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

(Approved April 11, 2002.)

**Note**

1. Prior to amendment “as” appeared here.