

ACT 9

H.B. NO. 2169

A Bill for an Act Relating to Health.

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this bill is to change the name of the “board of medical examiners”, established pursuant to section 453-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the “Hawaii medical board”.

SECTION 2. Section 453-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending its title and subsection (a) to read as follows:

“§453-5 [~~Board of medical examiners;~~] Hawaii medical board; appointment, removal, qualifications. (a) For the purpose of carrying out this chapter, the governor shall appoint a [~~board of medical examiners;~~] Hawaii medical board whose duty it shall be to examine all applicants for license to practice medicine or surgery. As used in this chapter, “board” means the [~~board of medical examiners;~~] Hawaii medical board.

The board shall consist of eleven persons, seven of whom shall be physicians or surgeons licensed under the laws of the State, two of whom shall be osteopathic physicians licensed under the laws of the State, and two of whom shall be lay members appointed from the public at large. Of the nine members who are physicians, surgeons, or osteopathic physicians, at least five shall be appointed from the city and county of Honolulu and at least one shall be appointed from each of the other counties. Medical societies in the various counties may conduct elections periodically but no less frequently than every two years to determine nominees for the board to be submitted to the governor. In making appointments, the governor may consider recommendations submitted by the medical societies and the public at large. Each member shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualified.”

SECTION 3. The revisor of statutes shall replace the term “board of medical examiners” or like term whenever it may appear in the Hawaii Revised Statutes, with the term “Hawaii medical board”.

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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, 2008.)