ACT 273

S.B. NO. 2816

A Bill for an Act Relating to Hospital Licensing.

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

SECTION 1. Section 321-14.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

- "(c) The rules may provide that accreditation by the joint commission on accreditation of healthcare organizations demonstrates a hospital's compliance with all licensing inspections required by [rules-for-the year in which the joint commission on accreditation of healthcare organizations accreditation is issued.] the State. The rules may exempt a hospital from a licensing inspection [for-the-year-in-which a joint commission on accreditation of healthcare organizations accreditation is issued] on a continuing basis throughout the term of the accreditation under the following conditions:
 - (1) The hospital provides a certified copy of the hospital's official joint commission on accreditation of healthcare organizations accreditation report to the department;
 - (2) The hospital <u>continuously</u> holds full accreditation by the joint commission on accreditation of healthcare organizations; and
 - (3) The hospital holds a current and valid state license."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

(Approved July 6, 2012.)