

ACT 115

H.B. NO. 2233

A Bill for an Act Relating to Health Care Professionals.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 451D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§451D- Filing of electronic mail address. Every individual applying for or renewing a license as a physician under chapter 453, osteopathic physician under chapter 453, physician assistant under chapter 453, advanced practice registered nurse under chapter 457, or naturopathic physician under chapter 455 shall, at the time of applying for licensure or renewal, provide the licensing authority with a current electronic mail address in the form and manner prescribed by the licensing authority; provided that an applicant or licensee has an established electronic mail address. It shall be the licensee’s duty to provide notice to the licensing authority of any change of current electronic mail address within thirty days of the change. The electronic mail addresses may be shared by the licensing authority only with other state or federal agencies, upon request, for purposes of public health and safety and may be used by the licensing authority for any purpose related to the license. Nothing herein shall be construed to modify the method by which the licensing authority provides notice of any matter required by law to be provided to the applicant or licensee.”

SECTION 2. Section 325-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§325-2 Physicians, laboratory directors, and health care professionals to report. Every physician or health care professional having a client affected by or suspected of being affected by a disease or condition declared to be communicable or dangerous to the public health by the director of health shall report the incidence or suspected incidence of such disease or condition to the department of health in writing or in the manner specified by the department of health. Every laboratory director having laboratory data regarding an individual affected by or suspected of being affected by a disease or condition declared to be communicable or dangerous to the public health shall report such diseases or conditions to the department of health in writing or in a manner specified by the health department~~[-];~~ provided that the laboratory data reported to the department of health shall include the individual’s complete demographic information, including name, date of birth, residential address, and phone number, obtained and confirmed at the time of specimen collection for the purposes of facilitating a public health investigation as necessary by the department of health. Every physician, laboratory director, or health care professional who ~~[refuses or neglects to give such notice, or make such report,]~~ violates this section may be fined in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per violation, to be assessed by the director of health. The director of health is authorized to impose the penalty pursuant to this section.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.
(Approved June 22, 2016.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.