

A Bill for an Act Relating to Health.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 255, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, amended the definitions of “the practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse” and “the practice of nursing as a registered nurse” to include carrying out the orders of a licensed physician assistant practicing with physician supervision as required by chapter 453, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and acting as an agent of the supervising physician. The Act included a sunset provision calling for the repeal of the definitions on July 1, 2017; provided that the definitions would be reenacted in the form in which they read on the day prior to the Act’s effective date.

The legislature further finds that there has been ample time to evaluate the law and its effect on public health, and there has been no harm. The change made by Act 255, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, has provided clarity and improved communication for all health care providers and patients impacted by the change.

The purpose of this Act is to allow changes made by Act 255, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, to continue in perpetuity by removing the sunset provision.

SECTION 2. Act 255, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, is amended by amending section 5 to read as follows:

~~“SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval [and shall be repealed on July 1, 2017; provided that the definitions of “the practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse” and “the practice of nursing as a registered nurse” under section 457-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in the form in which they read on the day prior to the effective date of this Act].”~~

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved March 24, 2016.)