**ACT 198** 

H.B. NO. 2149

A Bill for an Act Relating to Dentistry.

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

SECTION 1. Section 448-8.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§448-8.5 Continuing education requirements. The board shall adopt a program of continuing education for dentists and a program of continuing education for dental hygienists. After January 1, 2002, at the time of reregistration of license as a dentist or dental hygienist, each licensee shall present to the board evidence of compliance with the program of continuing education applicable to their profession. In addition to any other continuing education requirement adopted by the board, after January 1, 2016, each licensee who is a dentist shall

present to the board evidence of having completed at least [three] six hours of ethics training during the previous [year-] two years for each biennial renewal period. Failure to reregister and present evidence of compliance shall constitute a forfeiture of license, which may be restored only upon written application therefor and payment to the board of a restoration fee."

SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun before its effective date.

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018. (Approved July 10, 2018.)