
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PHARMACIST LICENSURE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The University of Hawaii at Hilo college of
2 pharmacy accepted its first class in the fall of 2007, and is
3 the only accredited pharmacy school in Hawaii and the Pacific
4 Basin. For decades, Hawaii has been viewed as the crossroads of
5 the Pacific, merging cultures and people from all walks of life.
6 Students from Hawaii, other states, the United States
7 territories and possessions, and even other countries, come to
8 study at the University of Hawaii at Hilo college of pharmacy,
9 which currently is on track for full accreditation in 2011 when
10 its first class of pharmacy students will graduate.

11 In order to graduate from the college of pharmacy, students
12 must participate in advanced pharmacy practice experiences in
13 their fourth and final year. The advanced pharmacy practice
14 experiences begin in the summer after the third year of pharmacy
15 school and includes a minimum of 1,440 hours of practical
16 experience. Students participate in six different types of
17 rotations. Mandatory rotations include a hospital or health
18 system pharmacy, an inpatient/acute care facility, an ambulatory



1 care clinic, and a community pharmacy. Students may take an
2 additional two electives to fulfill the experience requirements.

3 The first class of the University of Hawaii at Hilo college
4 of pharmacy will begin its advanced pharmacy practice experience
5 rotations in May of 2010. Students will perform their rotations
6 in the traditional pharmacy setting as well as in other
7 designated advanced practice locations under the supervision of
8 a registered pharmacist where the practice of pharmacy occurs.
9 Geographically, the rotations will occur in Hawaii and other
10 states, the District of Columbia, and the United States
11 territories.

12 Section 461-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, currently allows
13 only the hours of practical experience performed in a pharmacy
14 in one of the fifty states to count toward the 1,500 hours of
15 practical experience required for licensure as a pharmacist. As
16 such, students who perform their rotations outside of the
17 traditional pharmacy setting will not receive credit that counts
18 toward their licensure requirements, even though those students
19 are engaged in the practice of pharmacy under the supervision of
20 a registered pharmacist at other designated advanced practice
21 locations, such as clinics and acute care facilities. Moreover,
22 advanced pharmacy practice experience rotations performed in one



1 of the United States territories or the District of Columbia
2 will not count toward licensure requirements.

3 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to ensure that
4 advanced pharmacy practice experience rotations performed in a
5 United States territory or the District of Columbia or at a
6 designated advanced practice location under the supervision of a
7 registered pharmacist will also count toward pharmacist
8 licensure requirements.

9 SECTION 2. Section 461-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
11 and to read as follows:

12 "Territory" means Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana
13 Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, or American Samoa."

14 SECTION 3. Section 461-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

16 "(a) Any applicant for a license as a pharmacist shall
17 submit an application on a form prescribed by the board and
18 shall provide evidence to the board that the applicant:

- 19 (1) Is at least eighteen years of age;
- 20 (2) Holds a degree from a school or college of pharmacy or
21 department in a university which is recognized and



1 accredited by the American Council of Pharmaceutical
2 Education;

3 (3) Has a minimum of fifteen hundred hours practical
4 experience in any state or territory of the United
5 States [~~in a pharmacy~~], or the District of Columbia,
6 under the supervision of a [~~registered~~] pharmacist[~~-~~]
7 who is duly registered or licensed in the state,
8 territory, or district where the experience is
9 obtained. Service and experience [~~in a pharmacy~~]
10 under the supervision of a registered pharmacist as
11 required in this section shall be predominantly
12 related to the [~~selling of drugs, compounding~~
13 ~~prescriptions, preparing pharmaceutical preparations,~~
14 ~~and keeping records and making reports required under~~
15 ~~state and federal statutes.~~] practice of pharmacy as
16 defined under section 461-1. In the event an
17 applicant has no practical experience as required, the
18 applicant may take the examination and upon passing
19 the examination, shall not receive a license until
20 after the [~~fulfillment of~~] applicant fulfills the
21 practical experience requirement;



1 (4) Has passed an examination as may be prescribed by the
2 board; and

3 (5) Does not have an encumbered license or a pending
4 disciplinary action or unresolved complaint in the
5 practice of pharmacy in any state or territory of the
6 United States, or the District of Columbia, or if any
7 license has been or is encumbered, the applicant shall
8 provide all information requested by the board."

9 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Broadens the practical experience requirements for a pharmacist license to include experience obtained in U.S. territories and the District of Columbia. Removes the requirement that supervision must take place in a pharmacy. Broadens the experience requirements to relate to the practice of pharmacy. (SD1)

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