



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

June 13, 2018

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1144**

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 13, 2018, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2653 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO CHAPTER 453, HAWAII REVISED  
STATUTES  
**ACT 044 (18)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHAPTER 453, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that one of the goals of  
2 medical licensure should be to establish access to quality  
3 medical care and overcome geographic barriers.

4           The legislature further finds that additional barriers such  
5 as availability and access may exist which can impede licensure  
6 in Hawaii of qualified physicians, surgeons, and osteopathic  
7 physicians. The legislature additionally finds that licensure  
8 by endorsement will provide an expedited and efficient process  
9 for a qualified physician, surgeon, or osteopathic physician to  
10 become licensed and provide quality medical care in Hawaii.

11           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish  
12 requirements for the licensure by endorsement of physicians,  
13 surgeons, and osteopathic physicians to practice in Hawaii.

14           SECTION 2. Chapter 453, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
16 and to read as follows:



1        "§453-        Licensure by endorsement.        (a)        The board may  
2 issue a license by endorsement to a physician, surgeon, or  
3 osteopathic physician if:

4        (1)        The applicant:

5                (A)        Files an application and pays fees as prescribed  
6                by the board;

7                (B)        Holds a current, unencumbered, active license in  
8                a jurisdiction that requires qualifications  
9                substantially equivalent to or greater than the  
10               qualifications for licensure in this State as  
11               specified in section 453-4; and

12               (C)        Submits proof satisfactory to the board that the  
13               applicant has actively practiced medicine in  
14               another jurisdiction for at least two of the  
15               immediate preceding five years; and

16        (2)        The board determines that no disciplinary action has  
17        been taken by any medical licensing authority and the  
18        applicant has not been the subject of adverse  
19        judgments or settlements resulting from the practice  
20        of medicine that the board determines constitute  
21        evidence of a pattern of negligence or incompetence.



1        (b) The board may require an applicant seeking licensure  
2 by endorsement to take and pass the Special Purpose Examination  
3 (SPEX) or the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Variable-Purpose  
4 Examination - USA (COMVEX-USA) to assist the board in  
5 determining the applicant's ability to safely and competently  
6 engage in the practice of medicine."

7        SECTION 3. The department of commerce and consumer affairs  
8 may employ necessary personnel without regard to chapter 76,  
9 Hawaii Revised Statutes, to assist with the implementation and  
10 continuing functions of this Act.

11        SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the compliance  
12 resolution fund established pursuant to section 26-9(o), Hawaii  
13 Revised Statutes, the sum of \$104,000 or so much thereof as may  
14 be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for purposes of  
15 implementing this Act.

16        The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
17 commerce and consumer affairs for the purposes of this Act.

18        SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

19        SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018;  
20 provided that section 2 shall take effect on December 31, 2018.

APPROVED this 13 day of JUN, 2018




GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: May 1, 2018  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2018.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 2653, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

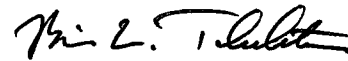
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 1, 2018  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives