A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the definition of
the practice of medicine was last amended in 2008 by including a
distinct definition of osteopathic medicine. The legislature
further finds that medical doctors and osteopathic doctors are
both physicians of equivalent education and training and should
be regulated as such.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish a
definition of the practice of medicine that provides uniformity
of practice for both medical and osteopathic physicians.

SECTION 2. Section 453-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
amended to read as follows:

"§453-1 Practice of medicine defined. For the purposes of
this chapter the practice of medicine by a physician or an
osteopathic physician includes the use of drugs and medicines,
surgery, manual medicine, water, electricity, hypnotism,
telehealth, the interpretation of tests, including primary
diagnosis of pathology specimens, medical imaging, or any
physical, osteopathic medicine, or any means or method, or any
agent, either tangible or intangible, [for the treatment of] to
diagnose, treat, prescribe for, palliate, or correct disease, or
prevent any human disease, condition, ailment, pain, injury,
deformity, illness, infirmity, defect, physical or mental
condition in the human subject; provided that [when] the person
is a duly licensed physician or osteopathic physician
[promotes—person—affected—any—disease—hopeless—and
beyond—recovery—and—gives—a—written—certificate—to—that—effect
to—the—person—affected—or—the—person's—attendant—nothing—herein
shall—forbid—any—person—from—giving—or—furnishing—any—remedial
agent—or—measure—when—so—requested—by—or—on—hearth—of—the
affected—person—licensed—pursuant—to—this—chapter.
This section shall not amend or repeal the law respecting
the treatment of those affected with Hansen's disease.
[For purposes of this chapter, "osteopathic medicine" means
the utilization of full methods of diagnosis and treatment in
physical and mental health and disease, including the
prescribing and administration of drugs and biologics of all
kinds, operative surgery, obstetrics, radiological, and other
electromagnetic emissions, and placing special emphasis on the
interrelation of the neuro-musculoskeletal system to all other
body systems, and the amelioration of disturbed structure-
function relationships by the clinical application of the
osteopathic diagnosis and therapeutic skills for the maintenance
of health and treatment of disease."

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

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
Report Title:
Practice of Medicine; Medical Physician; Osteopathic Physician

Description:
Clarifies the definition of the practice of medicine to provide uniformity of practice for both medical and osteopathic physicians. (SD1)

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