
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that under existing law,
2 continuing education requirements for naturopathic physicians
3 only include courses approved by professional associations or
4 organizations approved by the board of naturopathic medicine.
5 Certain courses, which are otherwise accredited by a
6 naturopathic medical school or another licensing board, are
7 therefore not acceptable in Hawaii unless approved by a board-
8 approved organization. This has resulted in significant amounts
9 of additional work for these board-approved organizations and
10 confusion amongst Hawaii's naturopathic physicians regarding
11 acceptable continuing education courses.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to clarify the list
13 of acceptable institutions or organizations that can meet the
14 continuing education requirements needed by naturopathic
15 physicians for license renewal.



1 SECTION 2. Section 455-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "continuing education
3 courses" to read as follows:

4 "Continuing education courses" means courses approved by a
5 state or province naturopathic licensing board; university,
6 college, or institution of naturopathic medicine program
7 accredited by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education; or
8 a professional association or organization representing a
9 licensed profession whose program objectives are related to
10 naturopathic medicine; provided that the professional
11 association or organization is approved by the board."

12 SECTION 3. Section 455-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:

14 "(f) Prior to December 31 of each odd-numbered year, each
15 licensee shall:

16 (1) Complete the renewal form prescribed by the board and
17 certify that the licensee has complied with the
18 continuing education requirement of this section for
19 the applicable renewal period; and

20 (2) Submit evidence of completion of the continuing
21 education courses taken during the applicable renewal



1 period to the board, including but not limited to
2 certificates of completion. At a minimum,
3 documentation shall contain the following information:

- 4 (A) Name of the licensee;
- 5 (B) Title of the continuing education course taken;
- 6 (C) Date that the continuing education course was
7 taken;
- 8 (D) Name of the state or province licensing board;
9 university, college, or institution of
10 naturopathic medicine program; or professional
11 association or organization that approved the
12 continuing education course;
- 13 (E) Number of hours for the course; and
- 14 (F) Number of hours for the course in pharmacology."

15 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

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



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Report Title:

Naturopathic Medicine; Continuing Education; Licensure
Requirements

Description:

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naturopathic physicians for license renewal. (SD1)

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