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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHAPTER 460, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, OSTEOPATHY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 460, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding five new sections to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§460- Educational teaching license. (a) The board may
5 issue an educational teaching license to an osteopathic physician
6 who is not licensed in this State and who is invited by the chief
7 of service of a clinical department of a hospital to provide and
8 promote professional education for students, interns, residents,
9 fellows, and doctors of medicine in this State. In no case shall
10 an educational teaching license issued hereunder be valid for more
11 than a period of twelve months from the date of issuance of the
12 license.

13 (b) To receive an educational teaching license, the
14 applicant shall:

15 (1) Complete an application as prescribed by the board
16 which shall include a summary of the applicant's

- 1 osteopathic medical, educational, and professional
2 background;
- 3 (2) Provide proof that the applicant is licensed as an
4 osteopathic physician in another state or country and
5 the license is current and in good standing;
- 6 (3) Submit a letter with the application signed by the
7 chief of service of a clinical department of a hospital
8 attesting that the chief of service is a licensed
9 osteopathic physician of this State and is requesting
10 to sponsor and monitor the applicant while the person
11 is engaged in educational or teaching activities for
12 the hospital under an educational teaching license; and
- 13 (4) Pay all applicable fees.
- 14 (c) The holder of an educational teaching license shall not
15 open or appoint a place to meet patients, or receive calls from
16 patients relating to the practice of osteopathic medicine, beyond
17 the parameters of the hospital that is sponsoring and monitoring
18 the licensee's activities.
- 19 (d) The holder of an educational teaching license shall
20 obey all laws and rules of this State.

1 §460- Training replacement temporary license. (a) The
2 board may issue a limited and temporary license to an osteopathic
3 physician to maintain patient services for the purpose of
4 substituting for another physician licensed in this State who is
5 participating in specialized training at an out-of-state fully
6 accredited medical teaching institution; provided that the out-of-
7 state osteopathic physician seeking the limited and temporary
8 license:

9 (1) Is board certified by the American Board of Medical
10 Specialties or the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialties in
11 the subspecialty in which the Hawaii physician is
12 seeking training;

13 (2) Is a member of the teaching faculty of the accredited
14 medical teaching institution;

15 (3) Has an unrestricted license in another state;

16 (4) Has been invited by the chief of a clinical department
17 of a hospital; and

18 (5) Has been examined and approved by the hospital's
19 credential process.

20 (b) The chief of the clinical department in which the out-
21 of-state osteopathic physician will practice shall submit a letter

1 to the board which shall include, without limitation, the
2 following:

3 (1) Identification and documentation of unrestricted
4 license for the applicant for the specialty training
5 license;

6 (2) A statement that the hospital is sponsoring the
7 applicant, and shall be responsible for monitoring the
8 individual osteopathic physician during the period of
9 the temporary license;

10 (3) Verification of the start and end dates for the
11 requested temporary license;

12 and

13 (4) Verification that the chief of the clinical department
14 is a licensed physician of this State.

15 (c) The limited and temporary license issued under this
16 section shall expire upon notification to the board by the Hawaii-
17 licensed physician that physician has resumed the physician's
18 practice in this State. Licenses and extensions of licenses
19 issued under this section to an individual shall not be valid for
20 more than nine months during any consecutive twenty-four month
21 period.

1 (d) The holder of a specialty training license shall obey
2 and be subject to all laws and rules of this State.

3 §460- Duty of osteopathic physician, hospital, clinic,
4 etc., to report wounds. (a) Every osteopathic physician
5 attending or treating a case of knife wound, bullet wound, gunshot
6 wound, powder burn, or any injury that would seriously maim,
7 produce death, or has rendered the injured person unconscious,
8 caused by the use of violence or sustained in a suspicious or
9 unusual manner or in a motor vehicle collision resulting in
10 serious injury or death, or, whenever the case is treated in a
11 hospital, clinic, or other institution, the manager,
12 superintendent, or person in charge thereof, shall report the case
13 or provide requested information to the chief of police of the
14 county within which the person was attended or treated, giving the
15 name of the injured person, description of the nature, type, and
16 extent of the injury, together with other pertinent information
17 that may be of use to the chief of police. As used herein, the
18 term "chief of police" means the chief of police of each county
19 and any of the chief's authorized subordinates.

20 (b) This section shall not apply to wounds, burns, or
21 injuries received by a member of the armed forces of the United

1 States or of the State while engaged in the actual performance of
2 duty.

3 (c) Any person who fails to make the report called for in
4 this section within twenty-four hours after the attendance or
5 treatment shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$500.

6 §460- Who shall give consent to a postmortem
7 examination. A pathologist or any licensed osteopathic physician
8 may conduct a postmortem examination when written consent thereto
9 is given by whoever of the following assumes custody of the body
10 for purposes of burial: father, mother, husband, wife, reciprocal
11 beneficiary, child, guardian, next of kin, or, in the absence of
12 any of the foregoing, a friend or person, including a governmental
13 agency, charged by law with the responsibility for the burial. If
14 two or more such persons assume custody of the body, the consent
15 of one of them is sufficient. The consent shall include the
16 consent to the retention by the licensed osteopathic physician who
17 conducts the postmortem examination of tissues, including fetal
18 material, of the body removed at the time of the postmortem
19 examination to be used for necessary or advisable scientific
20 investigation, including research, teaching, and therapeutic
21 purposes.

1 §460- Intentional termination of pregnancy; penalties;
2 refusal to perform. (a) No abortion shall be performed in this
3 State unless:

4 (1) The abortion is performed by a licensed physician or
5 surgeon, or by a licensed osteopathic physician; and

6 (2) The abortion is performed in a hospital licensed by the
7 department of health or operated by the federal
8 government or an agency thereof, or in a clinic,
9 physician's office, or osteopathic physician's office.

10 (b) Abortion shall mean an operation to intentionally
11 terminate the pregnancy of a nonviable fetus. The termination of
12 a pregnancy of a viable fetus is not included in this section.

13 (c) The State shall not deny or interfere with a female's
14 right to choose or obtain an abortion of a nonviable fetus or an
15 abortion that is necessary to protect the life or health of the
16 female.

17 (d) Any person who knowingly violates subsection (a) shall
18 be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than five
19 years, or both.

1 (e) Nothing in this section shall require any hospital or
2 any person to participate in an abortion nor shall any hospital or
3 any person be liable for a refusal."

4 SECTION 2. Section 460-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "§460-1 License to practice. (a) No person shall practice
7 as an osteopathic physician either gratuitously or for pay, or
8 shall offer to so practice, or shall advertise or announce, either
9 publicly or privately, that the person is prepared or qualified to
10 so practice, or shall append the letters "Dr." or the letters
11 "D.O." to the person's name, with the intent thereby to imply that
12 the person is a practitioner as an osteopathic physician, without
13 having a valid unrevoked license, obtained from the board of
14 medical examiners, in form and manner substantially as hereinafter
15 set forth.

16 (b) Nothing herein shall:

17 (1) Apply to any osteopathic physician from another state
18 who is in actual consultation, including but not
19 limited to, in-person, mail, electronic, telephonic,
20 fiber optic, or other telemedicine consultation, with
21 a licensed physician of this State if the physician

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1 from another state is licensed to practice in the
2 state in which the physician resides, provided that
3 ~~[the]~~ :

4 (A) The physician from another state shall not open
5 an office, or administer treatment to any patient
6 except in [an] actual temporary consultation with
7 a resident licensed physician of this State; or

8 (B) The licensed physician of this State retains
9 control and remains responsible for the provision
10 of care for the patient; and provided further
11 that the laws and rules relating to contagious
12 diseases are not violated;

13 (2) [Prohibit] Except for final refraction resulting in a
14 prescription for spectacles, contact lenses, or visual
15 training as performed by an oculist or optometrist duly
16 licensed by the State, prohibit services rendered by
17 any osteopathic physician's assistant when the services
18 are rendered under the supervision, direction, and
19 control of an osteopathic physician licensed in this
20 State, as may be specified by rule or statute. The
21 board of medical examiners shall adopt rules to define

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1 the type of supervision, direction, and control that
2 must be maintained and the extent that the personal
3 presence of the osteopathic physician will be required.
4 Any osteopathic physician who employs or directs an
5 osteopathic physician's assistant shall retain full
6 professional and personal responsibility for any act
7 which constitutes the practice of osteopathic medicine
8 [~~and surgery~~] when performed by an osteopathic
9 physician's assistant [-];

10 (3) Prohibit services rendered by any person certified
11 under chapter 453 to provide emergency medical services
12 when the services are rendered under the direction and
13 control of an osteopathic physician licensed in this
14 State, as may be specified by rule or statute. Any
15 osteopathic physician who employs or directs a person
16 certified under chapter 453 shall retain full
17 professional and personal responsibility for any act
18 which constitutes the practice of osteopathic medicine
19 and surgery when performed by that person;

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- 1 (4) Apply to any commissioned medical officer in the United
2 States armed forces or public health service engaged in
3 the discharge of one's official duty;
- 4 (5) Apply to so-called Christian Scientists so long as they
5 merely practice the religious tenets of their church
6 without pretending a knowledge of osteopathic medicine;
- 7 (6) Prohibit service in the case of emergency or the
8 domestic administration of family remedies;
- 9 (7) Prohibit automatic external defibrillation by:
- 10 (A) Any first responder personnel certified by the
11 department of health to provide automatic
12 external defibrillation when it is rendered under
13 the medical oversight of an osteopathic physician
14 licensed in this State; or
- 15 (B) Any person who successfully completes training
16 under an automatic external defibrillator program
17 administered by an osteopathic physician. An
18 "automatic external defibrillator program" means
19 an appropriate training course that includes
20 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and proficiency in
21 the use of an automatic external defibrillator.

1 (c) Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit healing
2 practices by traditional Hawaiian healers engaged in traditional
3 Native Hawaiian healing practices, both as recognized and
4 certified as such by any kupuna council convened by Papa Ola
5 Lokahi. No person or organization involved with the selection of
6 kupuna council members, the convening of a kupuna council, or the
7 certification process of healers under this subsection shall be
8 sued or held liable for any cause of action that may arise out of
9 their participation in the selection, convening, or certification
10 process. Nothing in this chapter shall limit, alter, or otherwise
11 adversely affect any rights of practice of traditional Native
12 Hawaiian healing pursuant to the Constitution of the State of
13 Hawaii."

14 SECTION 3. Section 460-1.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 "[~~4~~]**§460-1.6**[~~4~~] **Limited and temporary licenses.** The board
17 may issue a limited and temporary license to an applicant [~~who~~]
18 against whom no disciplinary actions or proceedings are pending in
19 any state or territory, if the applicant is otherwise qualified to
20 be examined, and upon determination that [~~the~~]:

1 (1) The applicant has been appointed to an internship that
2 meets the requirements of section 460-6(2) [~~;~~ provided
3 that no disciplinary actions or proceedings are pending
4 against the applicant in any state or territory.] or
5 accepted for specialty training in a health care
6 facility or organized ambulatory health care facility
7 as defined in section 323D-2 or a hospital approved by
8 the board. The applicant's practice shall be limited
9 to duties as a resident or as directed by the program
10 of training while at the health care facility,
11 organized ambulatory health care facility, or hospital.
12 The license shall be valid for one year and may be
13 renewed from year to year during the period of
14 residency[-];

15 (2) There is an absence or shortage of licensed physicians
16 and osteopathic physicians in a particular locality and
17 that the applicant has been duly licensed as an
18 osteopathic physician by written examination under the
19 laws of another state or territory of the United
20 States. A limited and temporary license issued under
21 this paragraph shall permit the practice of osteopathic

1 medicine by the applicant only in the particular
2 locality, and no other, as shall be set forth in the
3 license issued to the applicant. The license shall be
4 valid only for a period of eighteen months from the
5 date of issuance. The board shall establish guidelines
6 to determine a locality with an absence or shortage of
7 physicians and osteopathic physicians. For this
8 purpose, the board may consider a locality to have an
9 absence or shortage of physicians and osteopathic
10 physicians if the absence or shortage results from the
11 temporary loss of a physician or osteopathic physician.
12 In designating a locality with an absence or shortage
13 of physicians and osteopathic physicians, the board
14 shall not delegate its authority to a private
15 organization;

- 16 (3) The applicant is to be employed by an agency or
17 department of the state or county government, and that
18 the applicant has been duly licensed as an osteopathic
19 physician by written examination under the laws of
20 another state or territory of the United States. A
21 limited and temporary license issued under this

1 paragraph shall only be valid for the practice of
2 osteopathic medicine while the applicant is in the
3 employ of such governmental agency or department and in
4 no case shall be used to provide private patient care
5 for a fee. A license issued under this paragraph may
6 be renewed from year to year;

7 (4) The applicant would practice osteopathic medicine only
8 while under the direction of a physician or osteopathic
9 physician regularly licensed in the State other than as
10 permitted by this section, and that the applicant
11 intends to take the regular licensing examination
12 within the next eighteen months. A limited and
13 temporary license issued under this paragraph shall be
14 valid for no more than eighteen months from the date of
15 issuance, unless otherwise extended at the discretion
16 of the board; provided that this discretionary
17 extension shall not exceed a period of six months
18 beyond the original expiration date of the limited and
19 temporary license; or

20 (5) A public emergency exists, and that the applicant has
21 been duly licensed as an osteopathic physician by

1 written examination under the laws of another state or
2 territory of the United States. A limited and
3 temporary license issued under this paragraph shall
4 only be valid for the period of such public emergency."

5 SECTION 4. Section 460-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 "§460-5 Fees[-]; continuing education. (a) No applicant
8 for a license to practice as an osteopathic physician [~~and~~
9 ~~surgeon~~] shall be examined until the applicant has paid to the
10 board application and examination fees.

11 (b) Section 460-2 and any other provisions of this chapter
12 to the contrary notwithstanding, [~~there shall be paid to the board~~
13 ~~by~~] every person licensed to practice as an osteopathic physician
14 [~~and surgeon,~~] shall renew the license with the board biennially
15 in each even-numbered year on or before June 30, pay a renewal
16 fee[-], and comply with the continuing medical education
17 requirements provided in rules adopted by the board.

18 (c) At the start of the June 2010 license renewal period,
19 an osteopathic physician shall meet the continuing medical
20 education requirements by obtaining credit hours in a category 1A
21 continuing medical education program approved by the American

1 Osteopathic Association, in a continuing medical education
2 activity designated for category 1 by an American Medical
3 Association accredited provider, or in other approved continuing
4 medical education as provided in the board's rules. To determine
5 compliance, the board may conduct a random audit. An osteopathic
6 physician selected for audit shall be notified by the board.
7 Within sixty days of notification, the osteopathic physician shall
8 provide to the board documentation to verify compliance with the
9 category 1 continuing medical education requirements.

10 (d) Failure of any licensee to pay [any] the renewal fee,
11 and in the case of audited osteopathic physicians, provide
12 documentation of compliance, shall [work] constitute a forfeiture
13 of the license[. Licenses forfeited by this section shall be
14 restored upon payment of a penalty fee and all fees which the
15 licensee would have paid if the licensee had continuously renewed
16 the license.] , which may be restored only upon the submission of
17 written application, payment to the board of a restoration fee,
18 and, in the case of audited osteopathic physicians, providing
19 documentation of compliance with continuing medical education
20 requirements.

1 (e) A license that has been forfeited for one renewal term
2 shall be automatically terminated and cannot be restored, and a
3 new application for licensure shall be required."

4 SECTION 5. Section 460-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "**§460-6 Application and licensure.** Before any applicant
7 shall be eligible for licensure, the applicant shall be found to
8 possess the necessary qualifications and submit evidence
9 satisfactory to the board that:

10 (1) The applicant is a graduate of a school or college of
11 osteopathy which is approved by the American
12 Osteopathic Association;

13 (2) The applicant has served an internship of at least one
14 year in a ~~[hospital]~~ training program approved by the
15 American Osteopathic Association and the American
16 College of Osteopathic Surgeons, or in a ~~[hospital~~
17 ~~approved by the American Medical Association,]~~ program
18 that has been accredited for the training of resident
19 physicians by the Accreditation Council for Graduate
20 Medical Education, or the equivalent of the requirement

1 as determined by the board if the applicant graduated
2 prior to 1943; and

3 (3) The applicant has passed the:

4 (A) National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners
5 examination (NBOME), or the Federation Licensing
6 Examination (FLEX), or the United States Medical
7 Licensing Examination (USMLE), or a combination of
8 parts of the [~~Federation Licensing Examination~~]
9 FLEX and [~~United States Medical Licensing~~
10 ~~Examination~~] USMLE as approved by the board, with
11 scores deemed satisfactory by the board[-];

12 (B) The Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Variable-
13 Purpose Examination - USA (COMVEX - USA), provided
14 that the applicant is or was licensed in another
15 state by virtue of having passed a state-produced
16 examination with scores deemed satisfactory by the
17 board; or

18 (C) Special Purpose Examination (SPEX), provided that
19 the applicant is or was licensed in another state
20 by virtue of having passed a state-produced

1 examination with scores deemed satisfactory by the
2 board."

3 SECTION 6. Section 460-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 **"§460-12 Refusal, suspension, and revocation of license.**

6 (a) In addition to any other grounds for denial of license or
7 disciplinary action authorized by law, the board may refuse to
8 issue a license, or may suspend or revoke any license at any time
9 in a proceeding before the board for any cause authorized by law,
10 including but not limited to the following:

11 (1) Procuring or aiding or abetting in procuring a criminal
12 abortion;

13 (2) Employing any person to solicit patients for one's
14 self;

15 (3) Engaging in false, fraudulent, or deceptive
16 advertising, including, but not limited to:

17 (A) Making excessive claims of expertise in one or
18 more medical specialty fields;

19 (B) Assuring a permanent cure for an incurable
20 disease; or

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- 1 (C) Making any untruthful and improbable statement in
2 advertising one's osteopathic practice or
3 business;
- 4 (4) Being habituated to the excessive use of drugs or
5 alcohol; or being addicted to, dependent on, or [~~an~~] a
6 habitual user of a narcotic, barbiturate, amphetamine,
7 hallucinogen, or other drug having similar effects;
- 8 (5) Practicing medicine while the ability to practice is
9 impaired by alcohol, drugs, physical disability, or
10 mental instability;
- 11 (6) Procuring a license through fraud, misrepresentation,
12 or deceit or knowingly permitting an unlicensed person
13 to perform activities requiring a license;
- 14 (7) Professional misconduct, gross carelessness, or
15 manifest incapacity in the practice of osteopathy;
- 16 (8) Negligence or incompetence, including, but not limited
17 to, the consistent use of medical service in osteopathy
18 which is inappropriate or unnecessary;
- 19 (9) Conduct or practice contrary to recognized standards of
20 ethics of the osteopathic profession as adopted by the
21 American Osteopathic Association;

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- 1 (10) Revocation, suspension, or other disciplinary action by
2 another state of a license or certificate for reasons
3 as provided in this section;
- 4 (11) Conviction, whether by nolo contendere or otherwise, of
5 a penal offense substantially related to the
6 qualifications, functions, or duties of an osteopathic
7 physician [~~and surgeon~~], notwithstanding any statutory
8 provision to the contrary;
- 9 (12) Violation of chapter 329, the uniform controlled
10 substances law, or any rule adopted thereunder; [~~or~~]
- 11 (13) Failure to report to the board by a licensee, in
12 writing, any disciplinary decision issued in another
13 jurisdiction against the licensee within thirty days
14 after the disciplinary decision is issued, or failure
15 to report to the board by an applicant, in writing, any
16 disciplinary decision issued in another jurisdiction
17 against the applicant prior to the application or
18 during the pendency of the application[-];
- 19 (14) Violation of the conditions or limitations upon which a
20 limited and temporary license is issued; or

1 (15) Submitting to or filing with the board any notice,
2 statement, or other document, required under this
3 chapter, that is false or untrue or contains any
4 material misstatement or omission of fact.

5 (b) If disciplinary action related to the practice of
6 osteopathic medicine has been taken against the applicant in any
7 jurisdiction that would constitute a violation under this section,
8 or if the applicant reveals a physical or mental condition that
9 would constitute a violation under this section, then the board
10 may impose one or more of the actions set forth in section 460-
11 14.5 as a condition for licensure and:

12 (1) Physical and mental evaluation of the applicant by a
13 licensed physician or osteopathic physician approved by
14 the board;

15 (2) Probation, including such conditions of probation as
16 requiring observation of the licensee by an appropriate
17 group of society of licensed physicians, surgeons, or
18 osteopathic physicians and surgeons;

19 (3) Limitation of the license by restricting the fields of
20 practice in which the licensee may engage;

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1 (4) Further education or training or proof of performance
2 competency; and

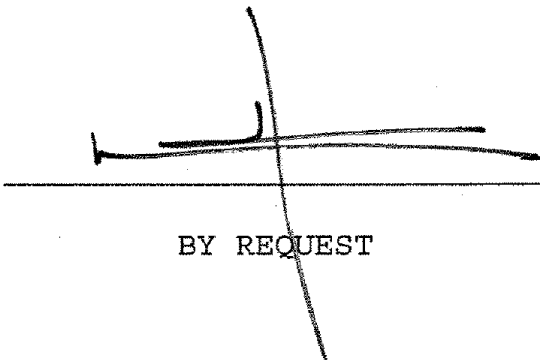
3 (5) Limitation of the osteopathic medical practice of the
4 licensee in any reasonable manner to assure the safety
5 and welfare of the consuming public."

6 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
9 provided that the continuing medical education requirements in
10 section 4 shall take effect at the start of the June 2010 license
11 renewal period.

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INTRODUCED BY:



BY REQUEST

JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Commerce and Consumer Affairs

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHAPTER 460, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, OSTEOPATHY

PURPOSE: To have consistency between the osteopathy licensing law, chapter 460, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and the licensing law for physicians of medicine and surgery, chapter 453, HRS.

MEANS: Add five new sections to chapter 460, HRS, and amend sections 460-1, 460-1.6, 460-5, 460-6, and 460-12, HRS.

JUSTIFICATION: The Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") regulates doctors of medicine ("MDs") and doctors of osteopathy ("DOs") through chapters 453 and 460, HRS, respectively. While these are separate laws, the Board considers MDs and DOs to be similar in many respects including scope of practice, and approaches regulation of the two professions in as uniform a manner as possible. However, the lack of consistency between chapter 453, HRS, and chapter 460, HRS, hampers the Board's ability to do this to the fullest extent possible.

This bill amends chapter 460, HRS, by adding comparable provisions from HRS chapter 453 that, in the Board's opinion, apply also to osteopaths.

This bill makes the application requirements for DOs consistent with those for MDs, clarifies the osteopathic residency program, and allows the Board to accept the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Variable-Purpose Examination - USA and

the Special Purpose Examination as alternatives to the licensing examination for applicants who were licensed before the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) examination, the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX), or the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) came into existence. Exceptions to licensure have also been expanded.

This bill also makes the requirements for a limited and temporary DO license consistent with that for a limited and temporary MD license, and enables DOs to obtain a temporary license for the purpose of:

- providing educational opportunities to other physicians, residents, or medical school students;
- covering another physician's practice while that physician is in an out-of-state training program;
- receiving specialty training;
- practicing osteopathy in a locality where there is an absence or shortage of licensed physicians;
- working in a government agency;
- practicing osteopathy under the direction of a licensed physician; and
- practicing osteopathy during a public emergency.

Renewal requirements for DOs, like their MD counterparts, will include completion of continuing medical education (CME) and the same restoration provisions for a forfeited license. The Board is requiring CME with the June 2010 renewal in order to provide fair and adequate notice to DOs.

In addition, this bill amends chapter 460, HRS, to be consistent with chapter 453, HRS, with respect to scope of practice and duty to report knife wounds, bullet wounds, gunshot wounds, powder burns, or any other serious injury, and authorization to conduct postmortem examinations and perform abortions.

Lastly, to ensure consistency with enforcement actions by the Board, chapter 460, HRS, is amended to contain the same grounds for denial of a license, disciplining a licensee, and conditions for re-licensure as set forth in chapter 453, HRS.

Impact on the public: There will be a positive impact on the public. The proposed revisions to the licensure requirements will allow more applicants to qualify for licensure without compromising public safety. Thus, there will be more DOs to tend to the medical needs of our community. Currently, there are only 175 licensed DOs residing in Hawaii.

Also, the CME requirements will have an impact on DOs. It will require an investment of their professional time as well as their financial resources. Despite this, CME requirements are beneficial in maintaining the competency of licensees and protecting the public.

Impact on the department and other agencies: There will be minimal impact on the department. While there is an increase in the type of limited and temporary licenses that can be issued, and increased workload to ensure compliance of CME requirements, we do not anticipate a significant strain on operations.

GENERAL FUND: None.
OTHER FUNDS: None.
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DESIGNATION: CCA-105.
OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: None.
EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.