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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to allow greater
2 choices for purchasers of accounting services by making it
3 easier for certified public accountants licensed from out-of-
4 state to provide public accountancy services in Hawaii.

5 SECTION 2. Section 466-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 "**§466-7 Permits to practice.** (a) A license and permit
8 are required to actively engage in the practice of public
9 accountancy. The board may grant or renew a permit to actively
10 engage in the practice of public accountancy. Permits shall be
11 initially issued and renewed for periods of two years but in any
12 event shall expire on December 31 of every odd-numbered year.
13 The board shall prescribe the methods and requirements for
14 application.

15 (b) An applicant for the initial issuance or renewal of a
16 permit shall have:

17 (1) A valid license;



- 1 (2) Completed continuing professional education hours, the
2 content of which shall be specified by the board which
3 may provide for special consideration by the board to
4 applicants for permit renewal when, in the judgment of
5 the board, full compliance with all requirements of
6 continuing education cannot reasonably be met;
- 7 (3) Completed an application; and
- 8 (4) Paid appropriate fees and assessments.
- 9 (c) The board may grant a temporary permit to actively
10 engage in the practice of public accountancy to any person who:
- 11 (1) Has attained eighteen years of age;
- 12 (2) Possesses a history of competence, trustworthiness,
13 and fair dealing;
- 14 (3) Holds a valid license of certified public accountant
15 or of public accountant issued under the laws of
16 another state, or who holds a valid comparable
17 certificate, registration, or license or degree from a
18 foreign country determined by the board to be a
19 recognized qualification for the practice of public
20 accountancy in such other country;



- 1 (4) Incidental to the person's practice in such other
2 state or country, desires to practice public
3 accountancy in this State on a temporary basis; and
4 (5) Has completed an application.

5 Such permit shall be effective for a period not exceeding three
6 months, and shall specify the nature and extent of the practice
7 so permitted.

8 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (c), the board may allow
9 the practice of public accountancy without a temporary permit,
10 in accordance with such rules as the board may adopt. Any
11 person practicing pursuant to this subsection shall submit to
12 the jurisdiction of the board and of the courts of this State.

13 ~~(d)~~ (e) All firms shall obtain a permit to practice.
14 The board may issue or renew a permit to actively engage in the
15 practice of public accountancy to any firm which submits a
16 completed application and demonstrates qualifications as
17 prescribed by the board.

18 ~~(e)~~ (f) Failure to submit the required fees, continuing
19 education hours, or other requirements for renewal as specified
20 in this section by December 31 of every odd-numbered year, shall
21 constitute forfeiture of the permit. Continued performance in
22 the practice of public accountancy without a permit shall



1 constitute unlicensed activity and the individual or firm shall
2 be subject to sections 466-9, 466-11, 487-13, and 26-9.

3 [~~f~~] (g) The board may restore forfeited permits to the
4 individual or firm [~~which~~] that satisfies the following:

5 (1) The requirements of subsection (a), (b), (c), [~~e~~]

6 (d), or (e) of this section; and

7 (2) Payment of required fees."

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

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2009.

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Report Title:

Certified Public Accountant; Out-of-State Licensees

Description:

Allows for certified public accountants with out-of-state licenses to practice public accountancy in Hawaii.

