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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 457-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:

3 "(f) Applicants applying for a license to practice as a
4 registered nurse by examination shall submit to the board proof
5 of eligibility. Applicants shall be eligible to apply for a
6 license by examination if they have:

7 (1) Graduated from a registered nursing program at an
8 educational institution in the United States or any
9 territory or possession under the jurisdiction of the
10 United States and are qualified as determined by the
11 board through rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91;
12 ~~or~~

13 (2) Graduated from a registered nursing program at an
14 educational institution in a foreign jurisdiction~~[7]~~
15 and have had their transcripts evaluated by
16 professional evaluators designated by the board and
17 are considered qualified as determined by the board
18 through rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91~~[-]~~; or



1 (3) Graduated with a bachelor's degree and satisfactorily
 2 completed the pre-licensure portion of a master's
 3 entry program in nursing at an accredited school of
 4 nursing in the United States or any territory or
 5 possession under the jurisdiction of the United States
 6 that is recognized by the board or other state boards
 7 of nursing and are qualified as determined by the
 8 board."

9 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Registered Nurses; Licensure

Description:

Allows a master's degree candidate in a nursing program who has completed the pre-licensure component of the program to apply for a license by examination to practice as a registered nurse.

