
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSE AIDES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 226, Session
2 Laws of Hawaii 2007, was enacted to provide for the
3 certification and recertification of nurse aides who work in
4 nursing facilities participating in medicare and medicaid
5 programs and in other state-licensed and state-certified health
6 care settings. Certification is a requirement under 42 United
7 States Code Sections 1395i-3 and 1396r.

8 The purpose of this Act is to specify the renewal period
9 for the recertification of certified nurse aides and the number
10 of continuing education hours required for recertification by
11 the director of human services.

12 SECTION 2. Section 457A-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

14 "(c) The director of human services shall implement this
15 chapter in accordance with 42 United States Code [~~sections~~]
16 Sections 1395i-3 and 1396r, that relate to:

17 (1) Training programs for nurse aides and recertification;
18 [and] provided that recertification shall be required



1 not less than every two years and the number of
2 continuing education hours required for
3 recertification shall not exceed twenty-four hours,
4 except at specified by federal law; and

- 5 (2) Disciplining of certified nurse aides employed in
6 health care settings licensed or certified by the
7 department of human services."

8 SECTION 3. Section 346-46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "[+]§346-46[+] **Certified nurse aides; training programs**
11 **and recertification.** The director shall:

- 12 (1) Approve training programs for nurse aides and ensure
13 that the training programs comply with all applicable
14 federal and state requirements;
- 15 (2) Approve and arrange for the recertification process
16 for nurse aides who work in medicare or medicaid
17 certified nursing facilities; [~~and~~]
- 18 (3) Approve and arrange for the recertification process
19 for nurse aides who work in state-licensed or state-
20 certified health care settings[~~-~~]; and
- 21 (4) Require recertification shall not less than every two
22 years; provided that the number of continuing



1 education hours required for recertification shall not
2 exceed twenty-four hours per year, except as specified
3 by federal law."

4 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
5 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
6 begun, before its effective date.

7 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Nurse Aide Certification

Description:

Specifies the renewal period for the recertification of certified nurse aides and the number of continuing education hours for their recertification. (HB814 HD1)

