
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHAPTER 471, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 471, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:
4 "§471-A Mandatory continuing education. (a) Each
5 veterinarian, that is licensed pursuant to this chapter, shall
6 comply with the provisions of the mandatory continuing education
7 requirements, except as set forth in subsection (c).
8 Veterinarians who do not satisfy the mandatory continuing
9 education requirements shall not be issued a license renewal and
10 shall not practice veterinary medicine until they have met such
11 requirements.

12 (b) During each biennial licensure period, an applicant
13 for licensure renewal shall complete a minimum of forty-five
14 hours of acceptable formal continuing education, a maximum of
15 twenty-two and one-half hours of which may be self-instructional
16 coursework acceptable to the department.

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1 (c) The following shall be exempt from the mandatory
2 continuing education requirements of this section:

3 (1) veterinarians who are renewing their licenses for
4 the first time since their initial license
5 issuance;

6 (2) any person exempt from the licensure requirement
7 imposed by section 471-2;

8 (3) a licensed veterinarian who is not actively
9 engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine,
10 provided that such a veterinarian shall comply
11 with all mandatory continuing education
12 requirements prior to being issued a new license
13 or activating an expired or surrendered license."

14 SECTION 2. Section 471-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 "**§471-9 Licenses.** (a) Except as provided in this
17 section, the board of veterinary examiners shall issue a license
18 upon payment of a license fee to engage in the practice of
19 veterinary medicine to all persons meeting the requirements of
20 this chapter.



1 (b) All licenses issued by the board shall expire on June
2 30 of each even-numbered year next following the date of
3 issuance.

4 (c) Every veterinarian shall pay a biennial renewal fee in
5 each even-numbered year. The payment of the renewal fee shall
6 entitle the veterinarian to renewal of the license, subject to
7 the mandatory continuing education requirements of this chapter.

8 (d) Any holder of an expired license may be reinstated as
9 a veterinarian upon payment of the renewal fee and a penalty
10 fee, and compliance with the mandatory continuing education
11 requirements of this chapter.

12 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision, no license shall
13 expire while the holder thereof is serving on active duty in the
14 armed forces of the United States during any emergency declared
15 by the President or Congress and six months after the
16 termination thereof."

17 SECTION 3. Section 471-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 **"§471-10 Refusal to grant and revocation or suspension of**
20 **license.** (a) In addition to any other actions authorized by
21 law, the board may refuse to grant, renew, reinstate or restore



1 a license for any cause which would be ground for revocation of
2 a license under the law.

3 (b) In addition to any other actions authorized by law,
4 the board may revoke or suspend the license of any veterinarian
5 or fine the licensee, or both, for any cause authorized by law,
6 including but not limited to the following:

7 (1) Professional misconduct, gross negligence, or manifest
8 incapacity;

9 (2) Violation of this chapter or the rules adopted
10 pursuant thereto or any other law which applies to the
11 licensee as a practicing veterinarian;

12 (3) Making any false representations or promises through
13 advertising or otherwise;

14 (4) Habitual intemperance in the use of alcoholic
15 beverages or addiction to the use of narcotic or
16 dangerous substances;

17 (5) Mental incompetence;

18 (6) Any fraudulent, dishonest, or deceitful act in
19 connection with the practice of veterinary medicine;

20 (7) Making a false statement in any document submitted or
21 required to be filed by this chapter;



- 1 (8) Revocation, suspension, or other disciplinary action
2 by another state of a license or certificate for
3 reasons as provided in this section;
- 4 (9) Conviction of or plea of nolo contendere to a penal
5 offense substantially related to the qualifications,
6 functions, or duties of a veterinarian,
7 notwithstanding any statutory provision to the
8 contrary;
- 9 (10) Violation of chapter 329, the uniform controlled
10 substances act, or any rule adopted pursuant thereto;
- 11 (11) Failure to report any disciplinary action taken
12 against a licensee in another jurisdiction within
13 thirty days after the disciplinary action becomes
14 final; [or]
- 15 (12) Conduct or practice contrary to the recognized
16 principles of medical ethics of the veterinary
17 profession as adopted by the Hawaii Veterinary Medical
18 Association and the American Veterinary Medical
19 Association; or
- 20 (13) Noncompliance with the mandatory continuing education
21 requirements of this chapter."

22 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.



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

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Description:

Proposes mandatory continuing education requirements for veterinarians.

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