
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSE AIDES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 346-46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§346-46 Certified nurse aides; training programs and**
4 **recertification.** The director shall:

5 (1) Approve training programs for nurse aides and ensure
6 that the training programs comply with all applicable
7 federal and state requirements;

8 (2) Approve and arrange for the recertification process
9 for nurse aides who work in medicare or medicaid
10 certified nursing facilities;

11 (3) Approve and arrange for the recertification process
12 for nurse aides who work in state-licensed or state-
13 certified health care settings; and

14 (4) Require recertification not less than every two years.

15 The number of continuing education hours required for
16 recertification shall not exceed twenty-four hours,
17 except as specified by federal law[-]; provided that
18 the competency evaluation required pursuant to



1 sections 457A-7 and 457A-8 shall be included as
2 continuing education hours and maintenance
3 requirements for recertification."

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

6 "(c) The director of human services shall implement this
7 chapter in accordance with 42 United States Code Sections 1395i-3
8 and 1396r, that relate to:

9 (1) Training programs for nurse aides and recertification;
10 provided that [~~recertification~~]:

11 (A) Recertification shall be required not less than
12 every two years and the number of continuing
13 education hours required for recertification
14 shall not exceed twenty-four hours, except as
15 specified by federal law; and

16 (B) The competency evaluation required pursuant to
17 section 457A-8 shall be included as continuing
18 education hours; and

19 (2) Disciplining of certified nurse aides employed in
20 health care settings licensed or certified by the
21 department of human services."



1 SECTION 3. Section 457A-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

3 "(e) Maintenance requirements for the recertification
4 process shall be on a biennial basis, and shall include a
5 competency evaluation approved by the department of human
6 services, an annual performance review, and in-service training
7 and employment in a medicare or medicaid facility as required by
8 federal and state law."

9 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Nurse Aides; Competency Evaluation

Description:

Provides that biannual maintenance and continuing education hours required for nurse aides include a competency evaluation approved by the Department of Human Services. (HB749 HD1)

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