
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 291-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "certificate of
3 disability" to read as follows:

4 ""Certificate of disability" means a medical statement
5 issued by a licensed practicing physician[~~, which~~] or advanced
6 practice registered nurse registered under chapter 457, that
7 verifies that a person is disabled, limited, or impaired in the
8 ability to walk."

9 SECTION 2. Section 291-51.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 "**[+]§291-51.4[+]** **Fraudulent verification of an applicant**
12 **as a person with a disability; penalty.** A physician or advanced
13 practice registered nurse registered under chapter 457 who
14 fraudulently verifies that an applicant is a person with a
15 disability to enable the person to represent to the issuing
16 agency that the person is qualified to obtain a removable
17 windshield placard, temporary removable windshield placard, or
18 special license plates shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor.



1 Each fraudulent verification shall constitute a separate
2 offense."

3 SECTION 3. Section 338-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

5 "(b) In preparing a certificate of death or fetal death
6 the person in charge of the disposition of the body shall:

7 (1) Obtain and enter on the certificate the personal data
8 and other information pertaining to the deceased
9 person required by the department from the person best
10 qualified to supply them;

11 (2) Present the certificate of death to the physician or
12 advanced practice registered nurse registered under
13 chapter 457 last in attendance upon the deceased, or
14 to the coroner's physician, who shall thereupon
15 certify the cause of death to the physician's best
16 knowledge and belief, or present the certificate of
17 fetal death to the physician, advanced practice
18 registered nurse registered under chapter 457,
19 midwife, or other person in attendance at the fetal
20 death, who shall certify the fetal death and such
21 medical data pertaining thereto as can be furnished;
22 provided that fetal deaths of less than twenty-four



1 weeks or intentional terminations of pregnancy
2 performed in accordance with section 453-16 may be
3 certified by a nurse or other employee based upon the
4 physician's records; and

5 (3) Notify immediately the appropriate local agent, if the
6 death occurred without medical attendance, or if the
7 physician or advanced practice registered nurse
8 registered under chapter 457 last in attendance fails
9 to sign the death certificate. In such event the
10 local agent shall inform the local health officer, and
11 refer the case to the local health officer for
12 immediate investigation and certification of the cause
13 of death prior to issuing a permit for burial, or
14 other disposition of the body. When the local health
15 officer is not a physician or when there is no such
16 officer, the local agent may complete the certificate
17 on the basis of information received from relatives of
18 the deceased or others having knowledge of the facts.

19 If the circumstances of the case suggest that the death or
20 fetal death was caused by other than natural causes, the local
21 agent shall refer the case to the coroner for investigation and
22 certification."



1 SECTION 4. Section 457-8.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[+]§457-8.8 **Advanced practice registered nurses; global**
4 **signature authority.** [—(a)] Notwithstanding any other law to
5 the contrary, advanced practice registered nurses shall be
6 authorized to sign, certify, or endorse all documents relating
7 to health care within their scope of practice provided for their
8 patients, including workers' compensation verification
9 documents, verification and evaluation forms of the department
10 of human services and department of education, verification and
11 authorization forms of the department of health, and physical
12 examination forms; provided that nothing in this section shall
13 be construed to expand the scope of practice of advanced
14 practice registered nurses.

15 [~~(b) This section shall not apply to a certificate of~~
16 ~~disability that may be used to obtain parking privileges for~~
17 ~~disabled persons pursuant to part III of chapter 291.]"~~

18 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; Death Certificates; Parking for Disabled Persons

Description:

Authorizes advanced practice registered nurses to certify death certificates and certificates of disability for disabled persons to obtain parking placards.

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