
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. The legislature finds that forty-eight national
2 nursing organizations and the state boards on nursing in the
3 nation recognize the National Council of State Boards of Nursing
4 consensus model for advanced practice registered nurse
5 regulation: licensure, accreditation, certification, and
6 education (consensus model). This model defines scopes of
7 advanced practice registered nurse practice, provides an
8 advanced practice registered nurse regulatory model, and
9 presents strategies for implementation to ensure nationally
10 uniform standards of advanced practice registered nurse
11 practice.

12 The legislature passed barrier-breaking measures (Act 169,
13 Session Laws of Hawaii 2009; Act 57, Session Laws of Hawaii
14 2010; and Act 110, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011) which included
15 amendments to provisions relating to nurse and advanced practice
16 registered nurse licensure, certification, and education
17 components, as well as accreditation standards for professional
18 nursing programs, which are part of the consensus model.



1 The consensus model recommends advanced practice registered
2 nurses have an accredited graduate-level education program
3 preparing the nurse for one of the four recognized advanced
4 practice registered nurse roles (certified registered nurse
5 anesthetist, certified nurse midwife, clinical nurse specialist,
6 and nurse practitioner) which would include a master's degree in
7 nursing or doctor of nursing practice and other clinical
8 doctorates in nursing recognized by the Hawaii state board of
9 nursing.

10 However, the legislature finds that currently only nurses
11 who have master's degrees in nursing can be recognized as
12 advanced practice registered nurses in Hawaii. This precludes
13 nurses who earn their doctor of nursing practice or other
14 clinical doctorates in nursing recognized by the Hawaii state
15 board of nursing and directly impacts doctor of nursing practice
16 graduates of the University of Hawaii at Manoa school of nursing
17 and dental hygiene and University of Hawaii at Hilo school of
18 nursing. Similarly, other states' advanced practice registered
19 nurses with doctor of nursing practice degrees are precluded
20 from being recognized as advanced practice registered nurses in
21 Hawaii.



1 In 2012, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing
2 reported that all states except Hawaii and West Virginia accept
3 a graduate degree instead of a master's degree provision in
4 their laws for advanced practice registered nurse licensure and
5 certification. West Virginia has since passed legislation to
6 change its state practice act to reflect "graduate" degree in
7 nursing instead of "master's" degree as a requirement for
8 advanced practice registered nurse licensure.

9 The purpose of this Act is to add language to existing law
10 to recognize the National Council of State Boards of Nursing
11 consensus model for advanced practice registered nurse
12 regulation and to change the degree requirement for advanced
13 practice registered nurse recognition from a master's degree in
14 nursing to a graduate degree in nursing.

15 SECTION 2. Section 457-8.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

17 "(a) [~~Effective October 1, 2009, the~~] The board shall
18 recognize the standards set forth in the National Council
19 of State Boards of Nursing consensus model for advanced
20 practice registered nurse regulation: licensure,
21 accreditation, certification, and education and shall grant



- 1 recognition as an advanced practice registered nurse to a
2 nurse who has:
- 3 (1) A current, unencumbered license as a registered nurse
4 in this State;
 - 5 (2) An unencumbered license as a registered nurse in all
6 other states in which the nurse has a current and
7 active license;
 - 8 (3) An unencumbered recognition as an advanced practice
9 registered nurse or similar designation in all other
10 states in which the nurse has a current and active
11 recognition as an advanced practice registered nurse;
 - 12 (4) Completed an accredited graduate-level education
13 program [~~leading to a master's degree as a~~] preparing
14 the nurse for one of the following recognized advanced
15 practice registered nurse roles: certified registered
16 nurse anesthetist, a nurse midwife, a clinical nurse
17 specialist, or a nurse practitioner;
 - 18 (5) A current, unencumbered certification of having passed
19 a national certification examination that measures
20 role and population-focused competencies and is
21 recognized by the board;



- 1 (6) Maintained continued competencies through
- 2 recertification in role and population-focused
- 3 competencies through a national certification program
- 4 recognized by the board;
- 5 (7) Acquired advanced clinical knowledge and skills
- 6 preparing the nurse to provide direct care to patients
- 7 through a significant educational and practical
- 8 concentration on the direct care of patients;
- 9 (8) Demonstrated a greater breadth of knowledge, a greater
- 10 synthesis of data, greater complexity of skills and
- 11 interventions, and greater role autonomy than
- 12 demonstrated by a registered nurse;
- 13 (9) Been educationally prepared to assume responsibility
- 14 and accountability for health promotion and
- 15 maintenance and to assess, diagnose, and manage
- 16 patient problems through the use and prescription of
- 17 pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic interventions;
- 18 (10) Acquired clinical experience of sufficient depth and
- 19 breadth to reflect the intended license; and
- 20 (11) Paid the appropriate fees."

21 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
22 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Description:

Amends section 457-8.5(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, by recognizing the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's advanced practice registered nurse consensus model and clarifies language relating to advanced practice registered nurse educational requirements consistent with that consensus model.

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