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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

April 26, 2016

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on April 26, 2016, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2862

RELATING TO NURSING
ACT 018 (16)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on APR 26 2016

ACT 018
S.B. NO. 2802

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that recent incidents of
2 individuals using false verifications of inactive or non-
3 existent Hawaii nurse licenses to fraudulently obtain nursing
4 license verifications in other states have prompted Hawaii's
5 board of nursing to seek the use of a more secure system
6 recognized by almost all state nursing boards. This coordinated
7 licensure information system, currently under the National
8 Council of State Boards of Nursing and known as "Nursys", is a
9 national database for nurse licensees that includes license and
10 disciplinary action information. Currently, Hawaii, Alabama,
11 Oklahoma, and Louisiana are the only states with boards of
12 nursing not "fully" participating in Nursys, meaning that
13 although Hawaii reports all disciplinary actions taken against a
14 nurse licensee to Nursys, license information is not provided.

15 The information to be shared as part of full participation
16 in Nursys includes licensure and enforcement activities related
17 to nurse licensure laws. By sharing license and discipline
18 information with Nursys, the nurse licensee will be able to

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1 obtain a license verification and have it available immediately
2 to the endorsing board of nursing. Benefits of participating in
3 Nursys also include prompt email notification of any
4 disciplinary action taken by another board of nursing against an
5 individual holding a Hawaii nurse license, Social Security
6 Master Death Index comparison, and Sex Offenders Registry
7 comparison. Additionally, by participating more fully in
8 Nursys, the board of nursing will be able to timely obtain
9 verification of licensure for applicants applying for a Hawaii
10 nurse license, and Hawaii licensees endorsing to another state
11 will be able to order a verification through Nursys,
12 streamlining the licensure process. Furthermore, greater
13 participation in Nursys will enhance the transition towards the
14 adoption of the nurse licensure compact.

15 The purpose of this Act is to allow the board of nursing to
16 share nurse license information with the Nursys coordinated
17 nurse licensure information system.

18 SECTION 2. Chapter 457, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
20 and to read as follows:

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1 "§457- Nursys; verification of nurse license.

2 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the board of
3 nursing may fully participate in Nursys by sharing licensure and
4 discipline data with Nursys. By applying for nurse licensure,
5 individuals shall consent to allowing the board to share their
6 licensure and discipline data with Nursys."

7 SECTION 3. Section 457-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by adding two new definitions to be appropriately
9 inserted and to read as follows:

10 "Licensure and discipline data" means identifying
11 information that includes but is not limited to the licensee's
12 name, address, social security number, date of birth, and
13 nursing education.

14 "Nursys" means an integrated process for collecting,
15 storing, and sharing information on nurse licensure and
16 enforcement activities related to nurse licensure laws that is
17 administered by a nonprofit organization composed of and
18 controlled by licensing boards."

19 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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APPROVED this 26 day of APR, 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Ige". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the bottom.

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII