
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that chapter 466D, Hawaii
2 Revised Statutes, establishes the regulation of respiratory
3 therapists, which is set to repeal on June 30, 2016.

4 Furthermore, pursuant to chapter 26H, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
5 the auditor is required to evaluate newly enacted occupational
6 regulatory programs prior to each board's, commission's, or
7 regulatory program's repeal date.

8 The legislature further finds that an auditor's report from
9 June 2015 finds that the regulation of respiratory therapists is
10 reasonably necessary to protect the health and safety of
11 consumers. The findings also note that licensure of respiratory
12 therapists is consistent with other health-related occupations,
13 such as doctors and nurses, and is warranted because consumers'
14 health and safety may be jeopardized by the nature of services
15 offered by respiratory therapists. Furthermore, every state
16 except Alaska regulates respiratory therapists.



1 The purpose of this Act is to make permanent the regulation
2 of respiratory therapists under chapter 466D, Hawaii Revised
3 Statutes, which will ensure the health and safety of Hawaii
4 residents and visitors.

5 SECTION 2. Section 26H-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 "§26H-4 Repeal dates for newly enacted professional and
8 vocational regulatory programs. (a) Any professional or
9 vocational regulatory program enacted after January 1, 1994, and
10 listed in this section shall be repealed as specified in this
11 section. The auditor shall perform an evaluation of the
12 program, pursuant to section 26H-5, prior to its repeal date.

13 [~~(b) Chapter 466D (respiratory therapists) shall be~~
14 ~~repealed on June 30, 2016.~~

15 ~~(c)] (b) Chapter 436H (athletic trainers) shall be~~
16 ~~repealed on June 30, 2018."~~

17 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 2016.

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Report Title:

Respiratory Therapists

Description:

Makes permanent the regulation of respiratory therapists under chapter 466D, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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