
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 451D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:
4 "§451D- Filing of electronic mail address. Every
5 individual applying for or renewing a license as a physician
6 under chapter 453, osteopathic physician under chapter 453,
7 physician assistant under chapter 453, advanced practice
8 registered nurse under chapter 457, or naturopathic physician
9 under chapter 455 shall, at the time of applying for licensure
10 or renewal, provide the licensing authority with a current
11 electronic mail address in the form and manner prescribed by the
12 licensing authority; provided that an applicant or licensee has
13 an established electronic mail address. It shall be the
14 licensee's duty to provide notice to the licensing authority of
15 any change of current electronic mail address within thirty days
16 of the change. The electronic mail addresses may be shared by
17 the licensing authority only with other state or federal
18 agencies, upon request, for purposes of public health and safety



1 and may be used by the licensing authority for any purpose
2 related to the license. Nothing herein shall be construed to
3 modify the method by which the licensing authority provides
4 notice of any matter required by law to be provided to the
5 applicant or licensee."

6 SECTION 2. Section 325-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 "§325-2 Physicians, laboratory directors, and health care
9 professionals to report. Every physician or health care
10 professional having a client affected by or suspected of being
11 affected by a disease or condition declared to be communicable
12 or dangerous to the public health by the director of health
13 shall report the incidence or suspected incidence of such
14 disease or condition to the department of health in writing or
15 in the manner specified by the department of health. Every
16 laboratory director having laboratory data regarding an
17 individual affected by or suspected of being affected by a
18 disease or condition declared to be communicable or dangerous to
19 the public health shall report such diseases or conditions to
20 the department of health in writing or in a manner specified by
21 the health department[-]; provided that the laboratory data



1 reported to the department of health shall include the
2 individual's complete demographic information, including name,
3 date of birth, residential address, and phone number, obtained
4 and confirmed at the time of specimen collection for the
5 purposes of facilitating a public health investigation as
6 necessary by the department of health. Every physician,
7 laboratory director, or health care professional who [~~refuses or~~
8 ~~neglects to give such notice, or make such report,~~] violates
9 this section may be fined in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per
10 violation, to be assessed by the director of health. The
11 director of health is authorized to impose the penalty pursuant
12 to this section."

13 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.



Report Title:

Health Care Professionals; Email; Licensure; Infectious Diseases; Reporting

Description:

Requires every physician, osteopathic physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, and naturopathic physician to provide the applicable licensing authority with a current electronic mail address when applying for or renewing a license. Restricts the permissible disclosure and use of electronic mail addresses by licensing authorities. Requires that laboratory data reported to the Department of Health regarding an individual affected by or suspected of being affected by a communicable or dangerous disease or condition include the individual's complete demographic information.
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