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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
2 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
3 as follows:

4 "CHAPTER

5 HAWAII HEALING ART IDENTIFICATION ACT

6 § -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the
7 context requires otherwise:

8 "Healing art" means any system, treatment, operation,
9 diagnosis, prescription, or practice to ascertain, cure,
10 relieve, adjust, or correct a human disease, injury, or
11 unhealthy or abnormal physical or mental condition.

12 "Licensing authority" shall have the same meaning as in
13 section 436B-2.

14 "Professional identification" means the written letters or
15 words used alone or appended to a name or signature to
16 advertise, announce, or imply that a person is prepared or



1 qualified to practice a particular type of healing art in the
2 State.

3 § -2 **Medicine and surgery.** A person who is licensed to
4 practice medicine and surgery pursuant to chapter 453 and holds
5 a doctor of medicine degree shall use only the following
6 professional identifications:

- 7 (1) Physician or surgeon, M.D.;
- 8 (2) Doctor, M.D.; or
- 9 (3) Doctor of medicine, M.D.

10 § -3 **Osteopathic medicine.** A person who is licensed to
11 practice osteopathic medicine pursuant to chapter 453 and holds
12 a doctor of osteopathy degree shall use only the following
13 professional identifications:

- 14 (1) Physician or surgeon, D.O.;
- 15 (2) Osteopathic physician or surgeon;
- 16 (3) Doctor, D.O.;
- 17 (4) Doctor of osteopathy;
- 18 (5) Doctor of osteopathic medicine;
- 19 (6) Osteopath; or
- 20 (7) D.O.



1 § -4 **Dentistry and dental surgery.** A person who is
2 licensed to practice dentistry or dental surgery pursuant to
3 chapter 448 shall use only the following professional
4 identifications:

- 5 (1) Dentist;
- 6 (2) Doctor, D.D.S.;
- 7 (3) Doctor of dental surgery;
- 8 (4) D.D.S.; or
- 9 (5) Doctor of dental medicine.

10 § -5 **Chiropractic.** A person who is licensed to practice
11 chiropractic pursuant to chapter 442 shall use only the
12 following professional identifications:

- 13 (1) Chiropractor;
- 14 (2) Doctor, D.C.;
- 15 (3) Doctor of chiropractic; or
- 16 (4) D.C.

17 § -6 **Optometry.** A person who is licensed to practice
18 optometry pursuant to chapter 459 shall use only the following
19 professional identifications:

- 20 (1) Optometrist;
- 21 (2) Doctor, optometrist;



1 (3) Doctor of optometry; or

2 (4) O.D.

3 § -7 **Podiatric medicine.** A person who is licensed to
4 practice podiatric medicine pursuant to chapter 463E shall use
5 only the following professional identifications:

6 (1) Chiropodist;

7 (2) Doctor, D.S.C.;

8 (3) Doctor of surgical chiropody;

9 (4) D.S.C.;

10 (5) Podiatrist;

11 (6) Doctor, D.P.M.;

12 (7) Doctor of podiatric medicine; or

13 (8) D.P.M.

14 § -8 **Naturopathic medicine.** A person who is licensed to
15 practice naturopathic medicine pursuant to chapter 455 shall use
16 only the following professional identifications:

17 (1) Natureopath;

18 (2) Naturopath;

19 (3) Doctor, N.D.;

20 (4) Doctor of naturopathic medicine; or

21 (5) Naturopathic doctor.



1 § -9 **Other persons using the title "doctor".** Any
 2 persons other than persons described in sections -2 to -8
 3 who use the title "doctor" as a professional identification or
 4 any part of a professional identification shall designate the
 5 authority under which the title is used or the college or
 6 honorary degree that gives rise to the use of that title.

7 § -10 **Enforcement.** A licensing authority shall have the
 8 power and duty to enforce this chapter for those persons who are
 9 licensed pursuant to the laws enforced by that licensing
 10 authority.


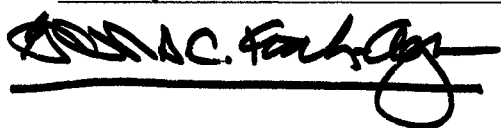
11 § -11 **Penalties.** (a) Any person who violates this
 12 chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable as follows:

- 13 (1) For a first offense, a fine of \$500;
- 14 (2) For a second offense, a fine of \$1,000; and
- 15 (3) For a third offense, a fine of \$2,000 or revocation of
- 16 the person's license to practice the healing art.

17 (b) Upon conviction, the court shall notify the
 18 appropriate licensing authority of the conviction."

19 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Healing Art; Doctors; Professional Identification

Description:

Designates specific professional identifications that may be used by certain persons to advertise, announce, or imply that they are prepared or qualified to practice a particular type of healing art in the State.

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