
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that under existing law,
2 continuing education requirements for naturopathic physicians
3 only include courses approved by professional associations or
4 organizations approved by the board of naturopathic medicine.
5 Certain courses, which are otherwise accredited by a
6 naturopathic medical school or another licensing board, are
7 therefore not acceptable in Hawaii unless approved by a board-
8 approved professional association or organization. This has
9 resulted in significant amounts of additional work for these
10 board-approved professional associations and organizations and
11 confusion amongst Hawaii's naturopathic physicians regarding
12 acceptable continuing education courses.

13 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to clarify the list
14 of acceptable institutions or organizations that can meet the
15 continuing education requirements needed by naturopathic
16 physicians for license renewal.



1 SECTION 2. Section 455-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "continuing education
3 courses" to read as follows:

4 "Continuing education courses" means courses approved by
5 [a]:

- 6 (1) A state naturopathic licensing board;
- 7 (2) A professional association or organization
8 representing a licensed profession whose program
9 objectives are related to naturopathic medicine;
10 provided that the professional association or
11 organization is approved by the board[-]; or
- 12 (3) A university, college, or institution of naturopathic
13 medicine program accredited by the Council on
14 Naturopathic Medical Education or the Accreditation
15 Council on Continuing Medical Education."

16 SECTION 3. Section 455-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:

18 "(f) Prior to December 31 of each odd-numbered year, each
19 licensee shall:

- 20 (1) Complete the renewal form prescribed by the board and
21 certify that the licensee has complied with the



1 continuing education requirement of this section for
 2 the applicable renewal period; and

3 (2) Submit evidence of completion of the continuing
 4 education courses taken during the applicable renewal
 5 period to the board, including but not limited to
 6 certificates of completion. At a minimum,
 7 documentation shall contain the following information:

8 (A) Name of the licensee;

9 (B) Title of the continuing education course taken;

10 (C) Date that the continuing education course was
 11 taken;

12 (D) Name of the state licensing board; professional
 13 association or organization; or university,
 14 college, or institution of naturopathic medicine
 15 program that approved the continuing education
 16 course;

17 (E) Number of hours for the course; and

18 (F) Number of hours for the course in pharmacology."

19 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

21 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Naturopathic Medicine; Continuing Education; Licensure
Requirements

Description:

Expands the list of acceptable institutions or organizations
that can approve the continuing education courses needed by
naturopathic physicians for license renewal. (SB777 HD2)

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