
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 457, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§457- Temporary permit. (a) The board may issue a
5 temporary permit to a practical nurse or registered nurse
6 licensed in another jurisdiction who:

7 (1) Completes an application on a form prescribed by the
8 board;

9 (2) Pays all applicable fees to the board as prescribed by
10 administrative rules;

11 (3) Provides proof of a valid and unencumbered license in
12 another state, territory, or country by way of a
13 license verification from the other state, territory,
14 or country, or Nursys license verification report as
15 prescribed by administrative rules; and

16 (4) The board has determined that no disciplinary action
17 has been taken or is pending with a nursing authority.



1 (b) The board may issue a temporary permit to a nurse who
2 currently holds a multistate license issued by another state,
3 territory, or country; provided that the individual:

4 (1) Completes an application on a form prescribed by the
5 board;

6 (2) Pays all applicable fees to the board as prescribed by
7 administrative rules;

8 (3) Provides proof of a valid and unencumbered multistate
9 license in another state, territory, or country by way
10 of a Nursys license verification report as prescribed
11 by administrative rules. For purposes of this
12 subsection, a "multistate license" means a license to
13 practice as a licensed practical nurse or registered
14 nurse issued by a home state licensing board that
15 authorizes the licensed nurse to practice in all party
16 states under a multistate licensure privilege; and

17 (4) The board has determined that no disciplinary action
18 has been taken or is pending with a nursing authority.

19 (c) A temporary permit shall be issued only to an
20 applicant who has been appointed or accepted employment with a



1 single health care entity in the State listed in section 321-
2 11(10).

3 (d) A temporary permit shall be issued within ten business
4 days of the date the completed application is received by the
5 board and shall be valid for a period of no longer than six
6 months from the date of issuance.

7 (e) Beginning July 1, 2025, notwithstanding sections 457-7
8 and 457-8, an out-of-state registered nurse or licensed
9 practical nurse may apply for a temporary permit based on the
10 requirements of subsections (a) or (b), simultaneously with an
11 application for a license to practice as a registered nurse or
12 licensed practical nurse in the State. Any out-of-state
13 registered nurse or licensed practical nurse applying
14 simultaneously for a temporary permit and license to practice
15 shall be required to submit only one application with a single,
16 non-refundable fee as prescribed by the board. A temporary
17 permit pursuant to this subsection shall be issued within ten
18 business days of the date the completed application is received
19 by the board; provided that all criteria in subsections (a) or
20 (b), and (c) have been met; provided further that the temporary
21 permit issued pursuant to this subsection shall be valid until



1 the time the board approves the individual's application for a
2 license to practice as a registered nurse or licensed practical
3 nurse but no longer than one year."

4 SECTION 2. Section 457-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

6 "(b) Licenses shall be granted either by:

7 (1) Examination: The applicant shall be required to pass
8 a written examination in nursing subjects as
9 determined by the board. Upon the applicant's passage
10 of the examination and compliance with the applicable
11 requirements of this chapter and the rules of the
12 board, the board shall issue to the applicant a
13 license to practice nursing as a registered nurse; or

14 (2) Endorsement: The board may issue a license to
15 practice nursing as a registered nurse by endorsement
16 to an applicant who has been licensed as a registered
17 nurse under the laws of another state, territory, or
18 foreign country if the applicant has an unencumbered
19 license and, in the opinion of the board, the
20 applicant meets the qualifications required of
21 registered nurses in this State at the time of



1 graduation. [~~Pending verification of a valid,~~
2 ~~unencumbered license from another state, territory, or~~
3 ~~foreign country, a temporary permit may be issued for~~
4 ~~employment with a Hawaii employer.]"~~

5 SECTION 3. Section 457-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

7 "(b) Licenses shall be granted either by:

8 (1) Examination: The applicant shall be required to pass
9 a written examination in nursing subjects as
10 determined by the board. Upon the applicant's passage
11 of the examination and compliance with the applicable
12 requirements of this chapter and the rules of the
13 board, the board shall issue to the applicant a
14 license to practice nursing as a licensed practical
15 nurse; or

16 (2) Endorsement: The board may issue a license to
17 practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse by
18 endorsement to any applicant who has been licensed as
19 a licensed practical nurse, or a person entitled to
20 perform similar services under a different title,
21 under the laws of another state, territory, or foreign



1 country if the applicant has an unencumbered license
 2 and, in the opinion of the board, the applicant meets
 3 the requirements for licensed practical nurses in this
 4 State at the time of graduation. [~~Pending~~
 5 ~~verification of a valid, unencumbered license from~~
 6 ~~another state, territory, or foreign country, a~~
 7 ~~temporary permit may be issued for employment with a~~
 8 ~~Hawaii employer.]"~~

9 SECTION 4. Section 457-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 10 amended to read as follows:

- 11 "**§457-13 Exceptions.** This chapter does not prohibit:
- 12 (1) The furnishing of nursing assistance in an emergency;
 - 13 (2) The practice of nursing that is incidental to the
 - 14 program of study engaged in by students enrolled in
 - 15 nursing education programs accredited by the board;
 - 16 [~~(3) The practice of nursing under a nonrenewable permit~~
 - 17 ~~by:~~
 - 18 ~~(A) A graduate of; or~~
 - 19 ~~(B) An applicant who has provided proof that the~~
 - 20 ~~applicant has completed the entire educational~~



1 ~~curriculum required for graduation for a nursing~~
2 ~~license from,~~
3 ~~a school that is in or under the jurisdiction of the~~
4 ~~United States, a territory, or a foreign jurisdiction,~~
5 ~~and whose accreditation is recognized by the board;~~
6 ~~provided that following completion of subparagraph (A)~~
7 ~~or (B), the candidate takes the first licensing~~
8 ~~examination scheduled by any board of nursing~~
9 ~~recognized by the board and has submitted to the board~~
10 ~~an application for a license to practice nursing in~~
11 ~~the State; provided further that the permit shall be~~
12 ~~valid for three months or until the results of the~~
13 ~~licensing examination are received by the board;~~

14 ~~(4)]~~ (3) The practice of any legally qualified nurse of
15 another state who is employed by the United States or
16 any bureau, division, or agency thereof, while in the
17 discharge of the nurse's official duties;

18 ~~(5)]~~ (4) The practice of nursing in connection with
19 healing by prayer or spiritual means alone in
20 accordance with the tenets and practice of any well
21 recognized church or religious denomination; provided



1 that no person practicing the nursing described in
2 this paragraph claims to practice as a registered
3 nurse or a licensed practical nurse; [~~or~~]

4 [~~(6)~~] (5) The administration of oral and topical medication
5 and in emergency situations, other premeasured
6 medication, by school health assistants as provided in
7 section 302A-853[~~-~~]; or

8 (6) The practice of nursing by a nurse licensed in another
9 state, territory, or country who is accompanying a
10 patient or patients from out of state for less than
11 two weeks and who is not employed by or affiliated
12 with a health care entity in the State."

13 SECTION 5. The department of commerce and consumer affairs
14 may adopt interim rules to establish fees for the administration
15 of this Act. All fees collected shall be deposited into the
16 credit of the compliance resolution fund established pursuant to
17 section 26-9(o), Hawaii Revised Statutes. Fees assessed shall
18 be used to carry out the purposes of this Act without regard to
19 chapters 91 or 201M, Hawaii Revised Statutes; provided that:

20 (1) The department shall hold at least one public hearing
21 prior to the adoption of interim rules; and



1 (2) The interim rules shall be effective for no more than
2 one year after their adoption.

3 SECTION 6. The department of commerce and consumer affairs
4 may employ necessary personnel without regard to chapter 76,
5 Hawaii Revised Statutes, including one full-time equivalent (1.0
6 FTE) permanent office assistant, for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2025.



Report Title:

Board of Nursing; Nurses; Registered Nurses; Practical Nurses;
Temporary Permits; Licenses; Exceptions

Description:

Effective 1/1/2025, allows the Board of Nursing to issue temporary permits to out-of-state licensed registered nurses and practical nurses and nurses who hold a multistate license issued by another state, territory, or country, under certain circumstances. Beginning 7/1/2025, allows an out-of-state licensed practical nurse or registered nurse to apply for a temporary permit simultaneously with an application for a license to practice in the State. Expects from license requirements nurses who are licensed in another state, territory, or country accompanying a patient from out-of-state for a period of less than two weeks and not employed or affiliated with a health care entity in the State. Takes effect 1/1/2025. (CD2)

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