

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Practice of Law, Amending Chapter 605 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 605 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended as follows:

(a) Section 605-1 is amended to read as follows:

**“Sec. 605-1. Attorneys’ qualifications.**

(a) The supreme court may examine, admit, and reinstate as practitioners in the courts of the State, such persons as it may find qualified for that purpose, who have taken the prescribed oath of office. The supreme court shall have the sole power to revoke or suspend the license of any such practitioner.

(b) In order to be licensed by the supreme court, a person shall be a citizen of the United States of good moral character, and satisfy such residence and other requirements as the supreme court may prescribe.”

(b) Section 605-2 is amended to read as follows:

**“Sec. 605-2. Attorneys; license required.**

Except as provided by the rules of court, no person shall be allowed to practice in any court of the State unless he has been duly licensed so to do by the supreme court; provided, that nothing in this chapter shall prevent any person, plaintiff, defendant, or accused, from appearing in person before any court, and there prosecuting or defending his own cause, without the aid of legal counsel; provided further, that in the district courts sections 605-11, 605-13, and 633-28 shall apply.”

(c) Section 605-6 is amended to read as follows:

**“Sec. 605-6. Rules.** The supreme court may prescribe qualifications for admission to practice and rules for the government of practitioners.”

(d) Section 605-7 is amended by deleting from the first line the word “so” and by inserting in the second line after the word “licensed” the words “by the supreme court”.

(e) Section 605-8 is amended to read as follows:

**“Sec. 605-8. Practice in all court; fees.** The practitioners shall have the right to practice in all the courts of the State, and to appear therein as attorneys in behalf of persons who may choose to retain them, for the prosecution or defense of actions.

Attorney’s fees or commissions taxed or allowed by the court shall be collected for the benefit of the attorney.”

(f) Section 605-11 is amended by deleting from the fourth line the words “cancellation and”, and by inserting after the word “revocation” in the fourth line the words “or suspension by the Supreme Court.”

(g) Section 605-13 is amended to read as follows:

**“Sec. 605-13. District courts, cases involving military vehicles.** Any legal officer of the United States military forces, to the extent that he is authorized

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or required by his respective branch of service, may without license represent military personnel in the district courts in any case which arises out of the driving of a military vehicle.”

(h) Section 605-15 is amended by deleting from the second line the words “sections 605-14 to 605-17”, and inserting in lieu thereof “section 605-14”.

(i) Section 605-17 is amended by deleting from the first line the words “sections 605-14 to 605-16” and inserting in lieu thereof “section 605-14”.

(j) Sections 605-3, 605-4, 605-9, 605-10, and 605-12 are deleted.

(k) The chapter heading is changed to read “Attorneys”.

SECTION 2. The amendments made by this Act shall not affect or repeal any other act passed at the same session of the legislature, and all such acts shall have full effect. So far as such acts conflict with any provision contained in this Act, they shall have the effect of subsequent acts.

SECTION 3. This Act upon its approval shall take effect on July 1, 1973.

(Approved June 3, 1972.)