

A Bill for an Act Relating to Renewal of Licenses for Registered and Practical Nurses.

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

SECTION 1. Section 457-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“Sec. 457-9 Renewal of license. The license of every person licensed under this chapter shall be renewed annually, except as hereinafter provided. Annually on or before July 1, the board shall mail an application for renewal of license to every person to whom a license was issued or renewed during the current year. The applicant shall fill in the application blank and return it to the board with a renewal fee of \$5 before June 30 of the following year. Upon receipt of the application and fee the board shall verify the accuracy of the application and issue to the applicant a certificate of renewal for the current year beginning July 1 and expiring the following June 30. Such renewal shall render the holder thereof a legal practitioner of nursing for the period stated on the renewal form.

Any licensee who allows his or her license to lapse by failing to renew the license as provided above may be reinstated by the board on satisfactory explanation of the failure to renew and on payment of the renewal fee and a penalty fee of \$5.

Any person practicing nursing during the time his or her license has lapsed shall be considered an illegal practitioner and shall be subjected to the penalties provided for violations of this chapter.

A nurse who does not engage in nursing in the State during the succeeding year shall not be required to pay the renewal fee as long as he or she remains inactive. Should he or she wish to resume nursing at some future time he or she shall so notify the board and remit the renewal fee for the current annual period.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.*

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1975.

(Approved May 23, 1974.)

*Edited accordingly.