

A Bill for an Act Relating to Degree Granting Institutions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 446D-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 446D-4 Licensing of degree granting institutions. The director shall issue a license to award degrees in specified educational programs to an applicant upon the presentation of acceptable evidence that the applicant is either chartered as an educational corporation in the State, according to chapter 416, or an educational institution of another state, and that the educational program of the applicant has been accredited by at least one nationally recognized accrediting agency or association listed by the United States Commissioner of Education. The license issued by the director to award degrees shall be limited to the educational program or programs that have been accredited or accepted by

accredited institutions.

The license to award degrees shall be valid as long as accreditation is maintained by the degree granting institutions, subject to the annual renewal provisions of section 446D-10."

SECTION 2. Section 446D-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 446D-5 Temporary permits to grant degrees. The director may issue a temporary permit to award degrees to an applicant who does not meet the accreditation requirements as set forth in section 446D-4 and who is duly chartered by the State as an educational corporation, or is an educational institution of another State, if the director, upon recommendation by the advisory committee as provided for in section 446D-7, determines that the applicant's academic and financial plans for working toward accreditation are feasible and acceptable.

The temporary permit shall be valid for a period of five years, subject to the annual renewal provisions of section 446D-10. It may be extended by the director, upon recommendation by the advisory committee that the applicant has made acceptable progress toward accreditation, but in no case shall it extend beyond a period of ten years from the initial granting of the temporary permit."

SECTION 3. Section 446D-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 446D-6 Revocation of temporary permit. The director shall revoke the temporary permit of any degree granting institution, if the holder of a temporary permit:

- (1) Has failed to retain its status as an educational corporation;
- (2) Has presented false or misleading information in obtaining a temporary permit;
- (3) Has failed or refused to permit authorized representatives of the advisory committee established in section 446D-7 to inspect the institution or has failed or refused to make available to the authorized representatives, upon request, full information pertaining to matters within the purview of the State under this chapter; or
- (4) Has refused or failed to meet any other conditions established by rule or regulation promulgated by the director pursuant to chapter 91, upon recommendation of the advisory committee.

A degree granting institution whose temporary permit has expired or has been revoked shall no longer grant degrees."

SECTION 4. 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 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 2, 1977.)

*Edited accordingly.