

ACT 54

S.B. NO. 662

A Bill for an Act Relating to Medicine and Surgery.

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

SECTION 1. Section 453-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§453-4 Qualifications for examination. (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, no person shall be licensed to practice medicine or surgery unless the applicant has passed an examination and has been found to be possessed of the necessary qualifications.

(b) Before any applicant shall be eligible for the examination, the applicant shall furnish proof satisfactory to the board that:

- (1)** The applicant is of demonstrated competence and professional knowledge;

- (2) (A) The applicant is a graduate of a medical school or college [approved by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association; or] whose program leading to the M.D. degree is accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, and has served a residency of at least one year in a program which has been accredited for the training of resident physicians by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, or if outside the United States, in a program which is shown by the applicant to the satisfaction of the board to possess standards substantially the equivalent of those required for such accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education; or
- (B) The applicant is a graduate of a foreign medical school and has had at least two years of residency in a [hospital approved by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association for the residency;] program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, and holds the national certificate of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, or its successor[;].
- [(3) The applicant has served a residency of at least one year in either a hospital which has been certified or approved for the training of resident physicians by the American Medical Association, Council on Medical Education and Hospitals, or if outside the United States, in a hospital which is shown by the applicant to the satisfaction of the board to possess standards substantially the equivalent of those required for such American Medical Association approval, or has completed one year of residency training in a program approved by the American Medical Association, Council of Medical Education and Hospitals.]

(c) Diplomates of the national board of medical examiners or those who have passed the federation licensing examination (FLEX) with scores deemed satisfactory by the board, and who meet the requirements of [paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) above,] subsection (b) shall be licensed without the necessity of any further examination; provided that with respect to any applicant the board may require letters of evaluation, professional evaluation forms, and interviews with chiefs of service or attending physicians who have been associated with an applicant, or chief residents on a service who have been associated with an applicant during the applicant's training or practice, to be used by the board in assessing the applicant's qualifications to practice medicine."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 30, 1985.)