

## ACT 138

H.B. NO. 820

A Bill for an Act Relating to Health Care Professionals.

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

SECTION 1. Section 451D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“~~[[§451D-1]]~~ **Construction of laws.** The purpose of licensing health care professionals is to protect the public health and safety and the general welfare of the people of this State. The powers conferred upon licensing boards and the department by the applicable licensing statutes and by this chapter shall be liberally construed to carry out this purpose. Any license issued to a health care professional is a revocable privilege. The provisions of this chapter are not intended to confer any particular professional status upon health care providers mentioned in this chapter for purposes of third party payments for services rendered.”

SECTION 2. Section 451D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“~~[[451D-2]]~~ **Definitions.** [As used in] Solely for the purpose of this chapter:

“Board” means the board of dental examiners, the board of medical examiners, the board of psychology, the board of nursing, the board of osteopathic examiners, [and] the board of veterinary examiners[.], the board of acupuncture, the board of massage therapy, the board of examiners in naturopathy, the board of chiropractic examiners, and the board of pharmacy.

“Department” means the department of commerce and consumer affairs.

“Health care professional” includes physicians and surgeons and others licensed pursuant to chapters 453 and 460, podiatrists licensed pursuant to chapter 463E, dentists licensed pursuant to chapter 448, psychologists licensed pursuant to chapter 465, nurses licensed pursuant to chapter 457, [and] veterinarians licensed pursuant to chapter 471[.], acupuncturists licensed pursuant to chapter 436E, massage therapists licensed pursuant to chapter 452, naturopathic physicians licensed pursuant to chapter 455, chiropractors licensed pursuant to chapter 442, and pharmacists licensed pursuant to chapter 461.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

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

(Approved May 22, 1991.)