

ACT 150

S.B. NO. 2532

A Bill for an Act Relating to Nurses.

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

SECTION 1. Section 457-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted and to read as follows:

““Nurse” means a person licensed under this chapter or a person who holds a license under the laws of another state or territory of the United States that is equivalent to a license under this chapter.”

SECTION 2. Section 457-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

“(d) Any person who holds a license to practice nursing as a registered nurse in this State shall use the title “Registered Nurse” and the abbreviation “R.N.”. No other person shall assume the title “nurse” or in any manner imply that the person is a nurse except as provided in sections 457-8 and 457-8.5 or use the abbreviation “R.N.” or any other words, letters, signs, or devices to indicate that the person using the same is a registered nurse.”

SECTION 3. Section 457-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

“(d) Any person who holds a license to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse in this State shall use the title “Licensed Practical Nurse” and the abbreviation “L.P.N.”. No other person shall assume the title “nurse” or in any manner imply that the person is a nurse except as provided in sections 457-7 and 457-8.5 or use the abbreviation “L.P.N.” or any other words, letters, signs, or devices to indicate that the person using the same is a licensed practical nurse.”

SECTION 4. Section 457-8.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) Any person who has been recognized by the board as an advanced practice registered nurse shall use the title “Advanced Practice Registered Nurse” and the abbreviation “A.P.R.N.”, or specialty title and abbreviation in accordance with rules adopted by the board. No other person shall assume the title “nurse” or in any manner imply that the person is a nurse except as provided in sections 457-7 and 457-8 or use the abbreviation “A.P.R.N.” or any other words, letter, sign, or device to indicate that the person using the same is an advanced practice registered nurse.”

SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 12, 1996.)