

ACT 225

H.B. NO. 2278

A Bill for an Act Relating to Social Workers.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 467E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§467E- Reciprocity and endorsement. (a) The director may enter into reciprocity agreements with other states and issue a license to a social worker who has been licensed in that state; provided that the requirements for a license in the state that the applicant is licensed are deemed by the director to be equal or greater than the requirements for a license in this State at the date of the license.

(b) The director may also issue a license by endorsement by honoring a passing score on the examination of the Association of Social Work Boards; provided that the applicant meets the other requirements under section 467E-7 and the passing score is from the examination category that the other state uses for its license.”

SECTION 2. Section 26H-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§26H-4 Repeal dates for newly enacted professional and vocational regulatory programs. (a) Any professional or vocational regulatory program enacted after January 1, 1994, and listed in this section shall be repealed on the date indicated in subsection (b). The auditor shall perform an evaluation of the program, pursuant to section 26H-5, prior to its repeal date.

- (b) [(1) Chapter 467E (social workers) shall be repealed on December 31, 2000.
 (2)] (1) Chapter 451J (marriage and family therapists) shall be repealed on December 31, 2002[.]; and
 [(3)] (2) Chapter 457G (occupational therapy practice) shall be repealed on December 31, 2003.”

SECTION 3. Section 467E-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“[[§467E-9]] Examination for license. (a) Each applicant for licensure shall take and pass a written national examination administered by the [American] Association of [State] Social Work Boards in accordance with procedures and standards prescribed by the director.

(b) Applicants who have passed the Academy of Certified Social Workers examination administered by the National Association of Social Workers prior to June 30, 1995, shall be deemed to have satisfied the requirements of this section[.] only if the application for licensure is filed with the department by June 30, 2000.

(c) The examination fee shall be paid by the applicant directly to the [American] Association of [State] Social Work Boards.”

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SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 2000.

(Approved June 14, 2000.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.