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H.B. NO. 2463

A Bill for an Act Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Recognition.

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

SECTION 1. Section 457-8.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows:

1. By amending subsection (a) to read:

“(a) The board shall grant recognition as an advanced practice registered nurse; provided the nurse has:

- (1) A current, unencumbered license as a registered nurse in this State;
- (2) An unencumbered license as a registered nurse in all other states in which the nurse has a current and active license;
- (3) An unencumbered recognition as an advanced practice registered nurse or similar designation in all other states in which the nurse has a current and active recognition as an advanced practice registered nurse;

[(3)] (4) A master’s degree in nursing as specified in rules adopted by the board or a current certification for specialized and advanced nursing practice from a national certifying body recognized by the board; provided that certified nurse midwives shall have current certification from a national certifying body recognized by the board; and

[(4)] (5) Paid appropriate fees.”

2. By amending subsection (c) to read:

“(c) Any person who has [been recognized by] a current, unencumbered recognition from the board to practice 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 defined in section 457-2 or as provided in sections 457-7 and 457-8 or use the abbreviation “A.P.R.N.” or any other words,

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letter, sign, or device to indicate that the person using the same is an advanced practice registered nurse. Nothing in this section shall preclude a registered nurse who is not recognized by the board as an advanced practice registered nurse and who is currently certified by a national certifying body from using another title designated by certification.”

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.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 6, 2000.)