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H.B. NO. 523

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Unauthorized Practice of Law.

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

SECTION 1. Section 605-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§605-14 Unauthorized practice of law prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, association, or corporation to engage in or attempt to engage in or to offer to engage in the practice of law, or to do or attempt to do or offer to do any act constituting the practice of law, except and to the extent that the person, firm, or association is licensed or authorized so to do by an appropriate court, agency, or office or by a statute of the State or of the United States[; provided that nothing herein shall be deemed to authorize the licensing of a corporation to practice law except as provided in chapter 416]. Nothing in sections 605-14 to 605-17 contained shall be construed to prohibit the preparation or use by any party to a transaction of any legal or business form or document used in the transaction.”

SECTION 2. Section 605-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

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“**§605-17 Penalties.** Any person violating sections 605-14 to 605-16 shall be guilty of a [violation, but, upon any subsequent violation of the sections, the person shall be guilty of a] misdemeanor.”

SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.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

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 26, 2001.)

Note

1. No underscored material.