

**ACT 31**

S.B. NO. 2226

A Bill for an Act Relating to Dentists.

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

SECTION 1. Act 166, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, is amended by amending section 3 to read as follows:

“SECTION 3. Chapter 448, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“**§448- Community service license.** (a) The board of dental examiners may issue, without examination, a community service license to practice dentistry in the employment of a federally qualified health center, Native Hawaiian health systems center, or post-secondary dental auxiliary training program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. Community service licensees under this section shall abide by the requirements and conditions placed upon those fully licensed under this chapter.

Eligible candidates shall:

- (1) Provide copies of documentation and credentials that include but are not limited to:
  - (A) A diploma or certificate of graduation from a dental college accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation, recognized and approved by the board; and
  - (B) Either of the following:
    - (i) A certificate or other evidence satisfactory to the board of having passed part II of the National Board Dental Examination within five years of the date of request; or
    - (ii) Evidence of active practice of clinical dentistry of not less than one thousand hours per year for the three years immediately prior to the date of request;
- (2) Provide a copy of an active, unrestricted dental practice license from another state;
- (3) Disclose to the board of dental examiners all previous and pending legal or regulatory action relating to claims of malpractice, or personal or professional misconduct; and
- (4) Pay applicable registration fees, which shall be one half of the prevailing biennial registration fee for dentistry.

No person who after the effective date of this Act has failed to pass the license examination administered under this chapter shall have the benefit of a community service dental license.

(b) Community service licensees shall actively participate in a formal and ongoing program of clinical quality assurance.

(c) A license may be renewed [~~annually~~] biennially, pending review and reauthorization of the board of dental examiners.

(d) A community service license authorizes the licensee to practice dentistry only within the employment of an eligible organization and shall be in force until the earliest of the following occurs:

- (1) The date the person leaves the employment authorized under the community service license;
- (2) The date on which the results of the license examination taken by the person under this chapter are posted by the board;
- (3) The date the community service license expires; or
- (4) The date on which the board revokes the community service license; provided that the board may revoke the community service license at any time for cause.

(e) Commissioned officers of the United States Army, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force, the United States Public Health Service, or the United States Veterans Administration practicing in a federally qualified health center or Native Hawaiian health systems center shall qualify for a community service license to practice dentistry, which may be issued for the term of the officer's federal duty assignment. Officers shall provide to the board of dental examiners:

- (1) A copy of an active, unrestricted dental practice license from another state; and
- (2) A copy of documentation reflecting official duty assignment to a qualifying community service dental license site.””

SECTION 2. Act 166, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, is amended by amending section 7 to read as follows:

“SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval [~~and shall be repealed on July 1, 2009; provided that sections 448-9 and 448-9.5, Hawaii Revised~~]

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~~Statutes, shall be reenacted in the form in which they read on the day before the approval of this Act].”~~

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

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

(Approved April 26, 2006.)