

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR DENTISTS

On May 1, 2015, Governor David Y. Ige signed into law a bill relating to dentistry. Act 28, Session Laws of Hawaii ("SLH") 2015, amends section 448-8.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), by requiring, after January 1, 2016, dentists to complete three hours of ethics training per year in addition to their continuing education ("CE") requirement. Also, the Act specifies that the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board") may suspend or revoke any license issued under Chapter 448, HRS, for conduct or practice contrary to recognized standards of ethics of the profession, as adopted by the American Dental Association or the Hawaii Dental Association.

Act 28, SLH 2015, provides that dentists shall complete three hours of ethics training per year in addition to any other CE requirement adopted by the Board. Pursuant to its administrative rules, the Board requires that dentists complete thirty-two (32) hours of CE. Therefore, the three hours of ethics training per year must be taken in addition to the thirty-two hours already required, for a total of thirty-eight (38) hours per biennium to renew a license.

Click here to see a copy of Act 28, SLH 2015:

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2015/bills/GM1128_.PDF