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LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

GOV. MSG. NO. 647

May 22, 2006

The Honorable Robert Bunda, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 003
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on May 22, 2006, the following bill was signed into law:

HB3121 HD2 SD1 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL DEFENSE.
(ACT 117)

Sincerely,



LINDA LINGLE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2006
STATE OF HAWAII

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that pets enrich our
2 lives in more ways than we sometimes realize. In turn, they
3 depend on us for their safety and well-being. In times of
4 natural disaster, both humans and animals, particularly pet
5 animals, are in danger of loss of life or serious injury.
6 However, the legislature finds that, during an emergency period,
7 most emergency shelters will not accept pet animals due to
8 public health concerns.

9 The legislature is concerned with the welfare of pet
10 animals during emergencies; however, of equal concern is the
11 fact that many pet owners, worried about their pets' safety, may
12 be dissuaded or delayed in seeking proper shelter in these
13 emergencies. As recent events have shown, many pet owners would
14 put themselves in harm's way rather than abandon their pets.

15 The purpose of this Act is to require the director of civil
16 defense and organizations under the direction of the director
17 that operate and maintain emergency shelters during emergency
18 periods, subject to the public's health and safety, to make



1 suitable arrangements and accommodations to provide shelter to
2 pet animals.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 128, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§128- Public shelters; accommodation of pet animals.

7 (a) The governor shall prescribe rules, pursuant to section
8 128-27, for the purpose of establishing criteria, requirements,
9 conditions, and limitations for providing suitable arrangements
10 and accommodations for the sheltering of pet animals in public
11 shelters under this chapter.

12 (b) The director of civil defense shall identify, in
13 coordination with other organizations engaged in civil defense
14 functions relating to providing shelter, or the management or
15 operation of a public shelter under this chapter, those public
16 shelters that are suitable for the sheltering of pet animals.

17 (c) The director may also identify, in coordination with
18 private owners, operators, or controllers of real property,
19 private shelters that are suitable for the sheltering of pet
20 animals; provided that any private shelter so identified shall
21 not be subject to the rules prescribed by the governor for the

1 operation of a public shelter that has been identified for the
2 sheltering of pet animals pursuant to subsection (b).

3 (d) A public shelter identified for the sheltering of pet
4 animals pursuant to subsection (b) need not be subject to the
5 criteria developed pursuant to section 5 of Act 5, Special
6 Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, unless the particular shelter has
7 been specifically identified as a shelter for both pet animals
8 and the public.

9 (e) For purposes of this section, "pet animal" shall have
10 the same meaning as defined in section 711-1100."

11 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

APPROVED this 22 day of MAY, 2006



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

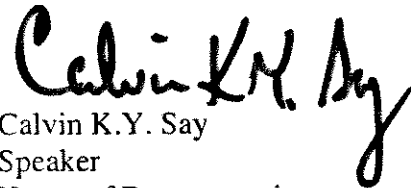
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THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2006

Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.



Calvin K.Y. Say

Speaker

House of Representatives



Patricia Mau-Shimizu

Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2006

Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.



Robert Bunda

President of the Senate



Paul Kawaguchi

Clerk of the Senate