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GOV. MSG. NO. 709

June 9, 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 June 9, 2006, the following bill was signed into law:

SB951 SD2 HD1 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO  
FIRE PROTECTION.  
(ACT 181)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 708, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and  
3 to read as follows:

4 "PART . ARSON

5 §708- Arson in the first degree. (1) A person commits  
6 the offense of arson in the first degree if the person  
7 intentionally or knowingly sets fire to or causes to be burned  
8 property and:

- 9 (a) Knowingly places another person in danger of death or  
10 bodily injury; or  
11 (b) Knowingly or recklessly damages the property of  
12 another, without the other's consent, in an amount  
13 exceeding \$20,000.

14 (2) Arson in the first degree is a class A felony.

15 §708- Arson in the second degree. (1) A person commits  
16 the offense of arson in the second degree if the person  
17 intentionally or knowingly sets fire to or causes to be burned  
18 property and:



1 (a) Recklessly places another person in danger of death or  
2 bodily injury; or

3 (b) Knowingly or recklessly damages the property of  
4 another, without the other's consent, in an amount  
5 exceeding \$1,500.

6 (2) Arson in the second degree is a class B felony.

7 **§708- Arson in the third degree.** (1) A person commits  
8 the offense of arson in the third degree if the person  
9 intentionally or knowingly sets fire to or causes to be burned  
10 property and:

11 (a) Negligently places another person in danger of death  
12 or bodily injury; or

13 (b) Knowingly or recklessly damages the property of  
14 another, without the other's consent, in an amount  
15 exceeding \$500.

16 (2) Arson in the third degree is a class C felony.

17 **§708- Arson in the fourth degree.** (1) A person commits  
18 the offense of arson in the fourth degree if the person  
19 intentionally or knowingly sets fire to or causes to be burned  
20 property and thereby damages the property of another without the  
21 other's consent.

22 (2) Arson in the fourth degree is a misdemeanor."

1 SECTION 2. Section 708-800, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending the definition of "widely dangerous means"  
3 to read as follows:

4 ""Widely dangerous means" includes explosion, [~~fire,~~  
5 flood, avalanche, collapse of building, poison gas, radioactive  
6 material, or any other material, substance, force, or means  
7 capable of causing potential widespread injury or damage."

8 SECTION 3. Section 708-820, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 **"§708-820 Criminal property damage in the first degree.**

11 (1) A person commits the offense of criminal property damage in  
12 the first degree if[+] by means other than fire:

13 (a) The person intentionally or knowingly damages property  
14 and thereby recklessly places another person in danger  
15 of death or bodily injury; or

16 (b) The person intentionally or knowingly damages the  
17 property of another, without the other's consent, in  
18 an amount exceeding \$20,000.

19 (2) Criminal property damage in the first degree is a  
20 class B felony."

21 SECTION 4. Section 708-821, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
22 amended to read as follows:



1           **"§708-821 Criminal property damage in the second degree.**

2   (1) A person commits the offense of criminal property damage in  
3 the second degree if[+] by means other than fire:

4       (a) The person intentionally or knowingly damages the  
5 property of another, without the other's consent, by  
6 the use of widely dangerous means; or

7       (b) The person intentionally or knowingly damages the  
8 property of another, without the other's consent, in  
9 an amount exceeding \$1,500.

10       (2) Criminal property damage in the second degree is a  
11 class C felony."

12   SECTION 5. Section 708-822, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14           **"§708-822 Criminal property damage in the third degree.**

15   (1) A person commits the offense of criminal property damage in  
16 the third degree if[+] by means other than fire:

17       (a) The person recklessly damages the property of another,  
18 without the other's consent, by the use of widely  
19 dangerous means; or

20       (b) The person intentionally damages the property of  
21 another, without the other's consent, in an amount  
22 exceeding \$500.

1           (2) Criminal property damage in the third degree is a  
2 misdemeanor."

3           SECTION 6. Section 708-823, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5           "**§708-823 Criminal property damage in the fourth degree.**

6           (1) A person commits the offense of criminal property damage in  
7 the fourth degree if by means other than fire, the person  
8 intentionally damages the property of another without the  
9 other's consent.

10           (2) Criminal property damage in the fourth degree is a  
11 petty misdemeanor."

12           SECTION 7. Section 708-823.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by amending subsection (1) to read as follows:

14           "(1) A person commits the offense of aggravated criminal  
15 property damage if the person[+] by means other than fire:


16           (a) Intentionally damages the property of another without  
17 the other's consent; and

18           (b) Has been convicted two or more times of an offense  
19 under section 708-822 or 708-823 in the preceding five  
20 years."

1 SECTION 8. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
3 begun, before its effective date.

4 SECTION 9. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Approved this day: JUN 9 2006

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII**

Date: May 2, 2006  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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

President of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate

**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII**

Date: May 2, 2006  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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

Speaker, House of Representatives

Clerk, House of Representatives