
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DECONTAMINATION OF ILLEGAL DRUG MANUFACTURING SITES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the contamination of
2 properties used to illegally manufacture methamphetamines poses
3 a threat to public health and welfare. The legislature also
4 finds that there is no established protocol for the protection
5 of first responders and for the subsequent decontamination and
6 cleanup of these illegal manufacturing sites.

7 The purpose of this Act to direct the department of health
8 to establish interim procedures and guidelines for emergency and
9 long-term decontamination and cleanup of illegal methamphetamine
10 manufacturing sites.

11 SECTION 2. Within ninety days of the effective date of
12 this Act, the department of health shall adopt interim
13 procedures and guidelines for emergency and long-term
14 decontamination and cleanup of illegal methamphetamine
15 manufacturing sites. These procedures shall apply to properties
16 that have been used to manufacture or store methamphetamine and
17 its precursor hazardous materials, until the department of
18 health develops a permanent and comprehensive program. The



1 department may adopt the interim procedures without regard to
2 chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and shall oversee and
3 implement the procedures using current state statutes and rules
4 to the extent feasible.

5 The interim procedures and guidelines shall include but not
6 limited to the following areas:

- 7 (1) Emergency response and inspection;
- 8 (2) Decontamination;
- 9 (3) Environmental cleanup; and
- 10 (4) Disposal of hazardous materials and wastes associated
11 with the unauthorized manufacturing or storage of
12 methamphetamine.

13 SECTION 3. The department shall also identify and evaluate
14 the requirements necessary to establish a statewide program for
15 decontamination and cleanup to ensure that program procedures
16 provide for decontamination, remediation, and safe reoccupancy
17 and reuse that is prompt and efficient.

18 The evaluation shall include:

- 19 (1) An assessment of soil and groundwater impacts as a
20 result of the illegal manufacturing of methamphetamine
21 at selected residential and other buildings in Hawaii;



1 (2) A review of cleanup procedures at actual locations
2 where methamphetamine was illegally manufactured in
3 Hawaii;

4 (3) Recommended protocols for the first responder
5 community that include the methods to be used in
6 assessing the potential dangers of chemical
7 contamination and protecting first responders;

8 (4) A review of relevant department of health and Hawaii
9 law enforcement records; and

10 (5) A review of standards and protocols used by other
11 states and federal agencies, or recommended by other
12 organizations.

13 The department shall submit a report of its interim
14 procedures and guidelines, and evaluation to the legislature no
15 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
16 session of 2007.

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



HB 2039 HD 1

Report Title:

Hazardous Chemicals; Illegal Drug Laboratories

Description:

Requires the Department of Health (DOH) to adopt interim procedures for emergency and long-term decontamination of illegal methamphetamine labs. Requires DOH to evaluate and report on soil and groundwater impacts, cleanup procedures, first responder protocol, and standards and protocol used by other state and federal agencies. (HB2039 HD1)

