
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature recognizes the rich ethnic and
2 cultural diversity of our island State. As such, there should
3 be an opportunity to honor religious and cultural practices
4 associated with childbirth. There must, at the same time, be
5 due consideration for proper assurances of public health and
6 safety.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
9 and to read as follows:

10 "§321- Human placenta. Upon negative findings of
11 infection or hazard after appropriate testing of the mother, the
12 human placenta may be released by the hospital to the woman from
13 whom it originated or to the woman's designee. The department
14 shall establish a release form which shall stipulate appropriate
15 measures for the safe release of human placenta."

16 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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



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Report Title:

Non-Infectious Waste; Management

Description:

Provides that a placenta may be released by a hospital to the woman from which it originated or a designated individual.

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