
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 134-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:
3 "(c) This section shall not apply to law enforcement
4 officers of county police and sheriff departments of this
5 ~~[State,]~~ state, and conservation and resources enforcement
6 officers duly authorized under chapter 199, or vendors providing
7 electric guns to those entities; provided that electric guns
8 shall at all times remain in the custody and control of the
9 county police or sheriff departments[-] or the conservation and
10 resources enforcement program of the department of land and
11 natural resources.

12 (d) The county police and sheriff departments of this
13 ~~[State]~~ state, and the conservation and resources enforcement
14 program of the department of land and natural resources shall
15 maintain records regarding every electric gun in their custody
16 and control. ~~[Such]~~ The records shall report every instance of
17 usage of the electric guns; in particular, records shall be
18 maintained in a similar manner as for those of discharging of



1 firearms. The county police and sheriff departments, and the
2 conservation and resources enforcement program shall annually
3 report to the legislature regarding these records twenty days
4 before the beginning of each session."

5 SECTION 2. The conservation and resources enforcement
6 program of the department of land and natural resources shall
7 pursue law enforcement accreditation or recognition from a
8 nationally recognized law enforcement accreditation or
9 credentialing program in the use of electronic guns prior to
10 purchasing electric guns and related equipment and obtaining
11 training for the use of the electric guns.

12 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for:

15 (1) The pursuit of law enforcement accreditation or
16 recognition from a nationally recognized law
17 enforcement accreditation or credentialing program in
18 the use of electronic guns; and

19 (2) The purchase of electric guns, related equipment, and
20 training in their use for conservation and resources
21 enforcement officers.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

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

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008;
6 provided that section 1 shall not take effect until the
7 conservation and resources enforcement program of the department
8 of land and natural resources receives accreditation or
9 recognition from a nationally recognized law enforcement
10 accreditation or credentialing program; provided further that
11 this Act shall be repealed on June 30, 2010, and section 134-16,
12 Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in the form in which
13 it read on the day prior to the effective date of this Act, in
14 the event the division has not obtained the required
15 accreditation or recognition by that date.



Report Title:

DOCARE Officers; Tasers

Description:

Authorize Department of Land and Natural Resources' Conservation and Resources Enforcement Officers to use tasers while performing their duties upon the receipt of accreditation or recognition. (HB3016 HD1)

