
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD ABANDONMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 709-902, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (1) to read as follows:

3 "**§709-902 Abandonment of a child.** (1) A person commits
4 the offense of abandonment of a child if, being a parent,
5 guardian, or other person legally charged with the care or
6 custody of a child less than fourteen years old, the person
7 [deserts]:

8 (a) Deserts the child in any place with intent to abandon
9 it[-]; or

10 (b) Leaves the child with another person knowing that:

11 (i) The person cannot prove the other person's
12 identity through official records such as a birth
13 certificate, school diploma, court documents,
14 employment applications, Social Security records,
15 or documents proving next of kin; or

16 (ii) The person subsequently will not able to locate
17 or find the other person."



1 SECTION 2. 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 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



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Report Title:

Child Abandonment

Description:

Makes it a misdemeanor to abandon a child by leaving the child with a person knowing that the person's existence cannot be confirmed or the person cannot be found. Effective 7/1/2050.
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