
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~~] the
5 department of public safety of this State, and enforcement
6 officers of the conservation and resources enforcement program
7 under chapter 199, or vendors providing electric guns to those
8 entities; provided that electric guns shall at all times remain
9 in the custody and control of the county police or [~~sheriff~~
10 departments-] law enforcement officers of the department of
11 public safety or the conservation and resources enforcement
12 program of the department of land and natural resources.

13 (d) The county police and [~~sheriff departments~~] law
14 enforcement officers of the department of public safety of this
15 State, and the conservation and resources enforcement program of
16 the department of land and natural resources shall maintain
17 records regarding every electric gun in their custody and
18 control. [~~Sueh~~] The records shall report every instance of



1 usage of the electric guns; in particular, records shall be
2 maintained in a similar manner as for those of discharging of
3 firearms. The county police, ~~[and sheriff departments]~~
4 department of public safety, and the conservation and resources
5 enforcement program shall annually report to the legislature
6 regarding these records twenty days before the beginning of each
7 session."

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

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for:

18 (1) The pursuit of law enforcement accreditation or
19 recognition from a nationally recognized law
20 enforcement accreditation or credentialing program in
21 the use of electric guns by conservation and resources
22 enforcement officers; and



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

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

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020;
9 provided that:

10 (1) Section 1 shall not take effect until the conservation
11 and resources enforcement program of the department of
12 land and natural resources receives accreditation or
13 recognition from a nationally recognized law
14 enforcement accreditation or credentialing program;
15 and

16 (2) This Act shall be repealed on June 30, 2010, and
17 section 134-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be
18 reenacted in the form in which it read on the day
19 prior to the effective date of this Act, if the
20 conservation and resources enforcement program of the
21 department of land and natural resources does not



1 obtain the required accreditation or recognition by
2 that date.



Report Title:

DOCARE Officers; Electric Guns; Tasers

Description:

Authorizes, upon the receipt of accreditation or recognition, the department of land and natural resources' division of conservation and resources enforcement officers to use electric guns while performing their duties. Authorizes law enforcement officers of the department of public safety to use electric guns while performing their duties. (SD1)

