
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EXPLOSIVES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that dry ice bombs are
2 one of the simplest types of bombs -- easily made by placing dry
3 ice in a sealable plastic container and adding water. The dry
4 ice, consisting of solidified and compressed carbon dioxide,
5 vaporizes to produce a quantity of carbon dioxide gas that
6 ultimately exceeds the tensile strength of the container and
7 produces an explosion. Depending on the size of the container
8 and the amount of dry ice used, dry ice bombs can produce
9 dangerously loud explosions and potentially hazardous plastic
10 shrapnel.

11 The purpose of this Act is to amend the fireworks law to
12 apply to dry ice bombs.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 134, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
15 and to read as follows:

16 "§134- Dry ice bombs; prohibition; penalty. (a) Any
17 person who knowingly manufactures, sells, transfers, possesses,



1 or transports in the State any dry ice bomb shall be guilty of a
2 misdemeanor.

3 As used in this section, "dry ice bomb" means any sealed
4 device containing dry ice or other chemically reactive
5 substances assembled for the purpose of causing an explosion by
6 a chemical reaction.

7 (b) Any person who:

8 (1) Knowingly possesses; or

9 (2) Intentionally uses or threatens to use;

10 a dry ice bomb while engaged in the commission of a crime shall
11 be guilty of a class C felony."

12 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
13 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
14 begun before its effective date.

15 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Dangerous Weapons; Explosives; Dry Ice Bombs

Description:

Prohibits dry ice bombs.

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