
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRIC GUNS.

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], law enforcement officers of the department of public
6 safety, and conservation and resources enforcement officers of
7 the department of land and natural resources, or vendors
8 providing electric guns to those entities; provided that
9 electric guns shall at all times remain in the custody and
10 control of the law enforcement officers of the county police [~~or~~
11 ~~sheriff~~] departments[~~-~~], the law enforcement officers of the
12 department of public safety, or the conservation and resources
13 enforcement officers of the department of land and natural
14 resources.
15 (d) The county police [~~and sheriff~~] departments of this
16 State, the department of public safety, and the department of
17 land and natural resources shall maintain records regarding

1 every electric gun in their custody and control. [~~Such~~] The
2 records shall report every instance of usage of the electric
3 guns; in particular, records shall be maintained in a similar
4 manner as for those of discharging of firearms. The county
5 police [~~and sheriff~~] departments, the department of public
6 safety, and the department of land and natural resources shall
7 annually report to the legislature regarding these records no
8 later than twenty days before the beginning of each regular
9 session of the legislature."

10 SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources
11 and the department of public safety shall ensure that each of
12 their respective law enforcement officers, who are authorized to
13 use an electric gun and related equipment shall first receive
14 training from the manufacturer or from a manufacturer-approved
15 training program, as well as by manufacturer-certified or
16 approved instructors in the use of electric guns prior to
17 deployment of the electric guns and related equipment in public.

18 SECTION 3. The conservation and resources enforcement
19 program of the department of land and natural resources shall
20 obtain law enforcement accreditation or recognition from a
21 nationally-recognized law enforcement accreditation or
22 credentialing program in the use of electric guns by their

1 respective law enforcement officers, prior to purchasing
2 electric guns and related equipment and prior to obtaining
3 training for the use of the electric guns.

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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Report Title:

Electric Guns

Description:

Authorizes law enforcement officers of the department of public safety and conservation and resources enforcement officers of the department of land and natural resources to use electric guns and related equipment while performing their duties.
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