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S.B. NO. 839

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to require offender registration of all persons convicted of felony offense cruelty to animals and to provide for community notification.

SECTION 2. Chapter 711, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§711- Offender registration for persons convicted of a felony for cruelty to animals. (1) For purposes of this section, an "animal abuser" means a person over eighteen years of age who has been convicted of a violation of section 711-1108.5 or 711-1109.3 or a comparable statute of another state.

(2) Any animal abuser physically within the boundaries of this State for more than twenty-one consecutive days shall register with the attorney general before the end of the twenty-second day in the State.

(3) Any previously-registered animal abuser shall re-register with the attorney general no later than ten days after moving to a new location within the State.



(4) When an animal abuser registers with the attorney general, the animal abuser shall provide the following registration information:

- (a) The legal name and any other names or aliases that the animal abuser is using or has used;
- (b) The date of birth of the animal abuser;
- (c) The social security number of the animal abuser;
- (d) The current address or location of the animal abuser;
- (e) The place of employment of the animal abuser;
- (f) The offense for which the animal abuser was convicted;
and
- (g) The date and place of the conviction.

(5) When an animal abuser registers with the attorney general, the attorney general shall obtain:

- (a) A photograph of the animal abuser and a complete set of the animal abuser's fingerprints; and
- (b) A description of any tattoos, scars, or other distinguishing features on the animal abuser's body that would assist in identifying the animal abuser.

(6) Following an animal abuser's initial registration pursuant to this section, an animal abuser shall annually renew the animal abuser's registration with the attorney general prior



to December 31 of each subsequent calendar year for a period of fifteen years.

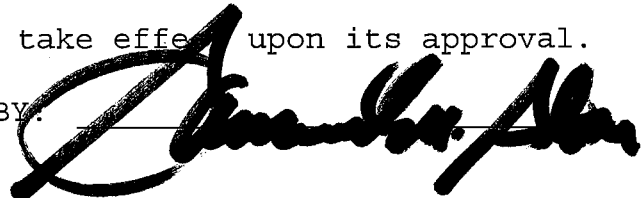
(7) An animal abuser who intentionally or knowingly fails to comply with the registration requirements in violation of this section, or who provides false information when complying with the registration requirements of this section, shall be guilty of a class C felony; provided the maximum term of imprisonment shall not be more than two years, and the maximum fine shall not be more than \$5,000.

(8) The department of the attorney general shall maintain a central registry of animal abusers required to register pursuant to the provisions of this section. The central registry of animal abusers shall be made available to the public through internet access, telephone access, written access, and in-person access. All of the information contained in an animal abuser's registration shall be made available in accordance with chapter 92F. Records of each animal abuser's registration shall be maintained for the duration of the fifteen year period in which the animal abuser is required to be registered."

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:



Report Title:

Animal Abuser Registration; Community Notification

Description:

Provides for a required state registration of persons convicted of felony animal abuse and community notification of animal abusers' physical presence for a period in excess of twenty-one days.

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