
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 46-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§46-17 Regulation of certain public nuisances. (a) Any
4 provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, the council of
5 any county may adopt and provide for the enforcement of
6 ordinances regulating or prohibiting noise, smoke, dust,
7 vibration, or odors which constitute a public nuisance. No such
8 ordinance shall be held invalid on the ground that it covers any
9 subject or matter embraced within any statute or rule of the
10 State; provided that in any case of conflict between a statute
11 or rule and an ordinance, the law affording the most protection
12 to the public shall apply, with the exception that:

13 (1) An ordinance shall not be effective to the extent that
14 it is inconsistent with any permit for agricultural
15 burning granted by the department of health under
16 authority of chapter 342B, or to the extent that it
17 prohibits, subjects to fine or injunction, or declares



1 to be a public nuisance any agricultural burning
2 conducted in accordance with such a permit; and
3 (2) An ordinance shall not be effective to the extent that
4 it is inconsistent with any noise rule adopted by the
5 department of health under authority of chapter 342F.

6 (b) A county shall investigate and notify the state
7 department of health of any report of an actual or suspected
8 source of air pollution, as defined in section 342B-1, for
9 purposes of section 322-1, without regard to whether the actual
10 or suspected air pollutant is a regulated air pollutant under
11 section 342B-11."

12 SECTION 2. Section 322-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 "§322-1 Removal, prevention. (a) The department of
15 health and its agents shall examine into all nuisances, foul or
16 noxious odors, gases or vapors, water in which mosquito larvae
17 exist, sources of filth, and all causes of sickness or disease,
18 on shore, and in any vessel, which may be known to them or
19 brought to their attention, which in their opinion are dangerous
20 or injurious to health, and into any and all conditions created
21 or existing which cause or tend to cause sickness or disease or



1 to be dangerous or injurious to health, and shall cause the same
2 to be abated, destroyed, removed, or prevented.

3 (b) For purposes of this section, a nuisance shall include
4 [~~toxic~~]:

5 (1) Toxic materials that are used in or by-products of the
6 manufacture or conversion of methamphetamine, and
7 clandestine drug labs that manufacture
8 methamphetamine[-]; and

9 (2) Foul or noxious odors, gases, or vapors such as those
10 emanating from buildings."

11 SECTION 3. Section 342B-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 "[+]§342B-41[+] **Inspection of premises.** (a) The
14 director, in accordance with the law, may enter and inspect any
15 building or place to investigate an actual or suspected source
16 of air pollution, to ascertain compliance or noncompliance with
17 this chapter or any rule or standard adopted by the department
18 pursuant to this chapter, or any permit or other approval
19 granted by the department pursuant to this chapter, and to make
20 reasonable tests in connection therewith. No confidential
21 information secured pursuant to this section by any official or
22 employee of the department within the scope and course of the



1 official's or employee's employment in the prevention, control,
 2 or abatement of air pollution shall be disclosed by the official
 3 or employee except as it relates directly to air pollution and
 4 then only in connection with the official's or employee's
 5 official duties and within the scope and course of the
 6 official's or employee's employment.

7 (b) The director, upon receipt of a complaint of foul or
 8 noxious odors, gases, or vapors emanating from a building may
 9 enter and inspect any building or place to investigate an actual
 10 or suspected source of air pollution for purposes of subsection
 11 (a) or for the existence of a nuisance under section 322-1."

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

14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Health; Air Pollution; Nuisance

Description:

Requires a county to investigate and notify the state department of health of a report of possible nuisance involving air pollution; clarifies that a nuisance includes foul or noxious odors, gases, or vapors, including those emanating from buildings; allows the director of health, upon receipt of a complaint of foul or noxious odors, gases, or vapors emanating from buildings, to enter and inspect any building or place to investigate an actual or suspected source of air pollution or for the existence of a nuisance.

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