
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMPUTER FRAUD.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 708-891, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "~~§~~708-891~~§~~ **Computer fraud in the first degree.** (1)

4 A person commits the offense of computer fraud in the first
5 degree if the person knowingly, and with intent to defraud,
6 accesses a computer ~~[without authorization and, by means of such~~
7 ~~conduct, obtains or exerts control over the property of~~
8 ~~another.]~~, computer system, or computer network with the intent
9 to:

10 (a) Facilitate the commission of a murder in any degree, a
11 class A felony, kidnapping, unlawful imprisonment in any degree,
12 extortion in any degree, any offense under chapter 134, criminal
13 property damage in the first or second degree, escape in any
14 degree, any offense under part VI of chapter 710, any offense
15 under section 711-1103, or any offense under chapter 842; or

16 (b) Commit the offense of theft in the first degree.

17 ~~[(2) In a prosecution for computer fraud in the first~~
18 ~~degree, it is a defense that the object of the fraud and the~~



1 ~~property obtained consists only of the use of the computer and~~
2 ~~the value of such use is not more than \$300 in any one year~~
3 ~~period.]~~

4 ~~[+] (2)~~ Computer fraud in the first degree is a class
5 [B] A felony."

6 SECTION 2. Section 708-891.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 "~~+~~**§708-891.5**~~+~~ **Computer fraud in the second degree.**

9 (1) A person commits the offense of computer fraud in the
10 second degree if the person knowingly, and with the intent to
11 defraud~~[-]~~:

12 (a) Accesses a computer, computer system, or computer
13 network with the intent to commit the offense of theft in the
14 second degree; or

15 (b) T[€]ransfers, or otherwise disposes of, to another, or
16 obtains control of, with the intent to transfer or dispose of,
17 any password or similar information through which a computer,
18 computer system, or computer network may be accessed.

19 (2) Computer fraud in the second degree is a class [€] B
20 felony."



1 SECTION 3. Chapter 708, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§708- Computer fraud in the third degree. (1) A
5 person commits the offense of computer fraud in the third degree
6 if the person knowingly, and with the intent to defraud,
7 accesses a computer, computer system, or computer network with
8 the intent to commit the offense of theft in the third or fourth
9 degree.

10 (2) Computer fraud in the third degree is a class C
11 felony."

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

17 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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Report Title:

Computer Fraud; Penalties

Description:

Amends sections 708-891 and 708-891.5 to include computer fraud that occurs when accessing a computer system or computer network; increases the penalties for computer fraud in the first and second degrees to class A and B felonies, respectively; creates new offense of computer fraud in the third degree.

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