
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DOGS.

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as Hope's Law.

2 SECTION 2. Chapter 143, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
3 amended by adding three new sections to be appropriately
4 designated and to read as follows:

5 "§143-A Procedure for transfer of licensed dogs.

6 (a) A person who holds a dog license shall give notice to the
7 director of finance of the transfer of the dog within fourteen
8 days of the transfer. Notice shall be in a form provided by the
9 director of finance and shall include:

10 (1) All information required for licensing under section
11 143-4; and

12 (2) The name and address of the transferee.

13 The director of finance shall terminate the person's dog license
14 upon receipt of the notice of transfer of the dog and update the
15 database established under section 143-C.

16 (b) If a person fails to give notice of transfer of a dog
17 to the director of finance as required by this section, the
18 person shall retain all liability and the person shall be liable



1 for any acts of animal cruelty, included in sections 711-1108.5,
2 711-1109, 711-1109.3, 711-1109.35, 711-1109.37, 711-1109.4, or
3 711-1109.6, suffered by the dog for which another person is
4 convicted.

5 §143-B Microchip information. (a) A person, who seeks or
6 holds a dog license for a dog with a microchip, shall provide
7 the director of finance with the dog's microchip identification
8 number at the time the person applies for the license or, if the
9 microchip is obtained thereafter, within fourteen days from when
10 the microchip is obtained for the dog.

11 (b) The director of finance shall prepare appropriate
12 forms for the collection of such information.

13 §143-C Microchip information; database. The director of
14 finance shall establish and maintain a database, alone or in
15 cooperation with a duly incorporated humane society or duly
16 incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals,
17 of all microchip numbers received by the director of finance for
18 licensed dogs and any other information the director of finance
19 deems necessary for the identification of a licensed dog or the
20 holder of the dog license."

21 SECTION 3. In codifying the new sections added by section
22 2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute



1 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
2 the new sections in this Act.

3 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Dog License; Certificate of Ownership; Transfer; Liability

Description:

Requires a person holding a dog license to notify the Director of Finance if the dog is transferred, and establishes vicarious criminal liability for failure to notify. Requires a dog license holder to provide a microchip number to the Director of Finance if the dog has a microchip. Establishes a database of microchip numbers and other identifying information.

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