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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NUISANCES.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 712, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and  
3 to read as follows:

4                               **"PART . PROPERTY NUISANCE**

5           **§712- Property nuisance.** (a) A person commits the  
6 offense of promoting a property nuisance by owning, leasing,  
7 occupying, or having charge or possession of any property and  
8 maintaining that property in a manner that any one or more of  
9 the following conditions or activities is allowed to exist or  
10 continue:

11           (1) The keeping, storage, depositing, or accumulation on  
12 the property of any personal property that is within  
13 the view of persons on adjacent or nearby real  
14 property or the public highway when the personal  
15 property constitutes visual blight, reduces the  
16 aesthetic appearance of the neighborhood, is offensive  
17 to the senses, or is detrimental to nearby property or



1 property values. Personal property includes but is not  
2 limited to:

3 (A) Abandoned, wrecked, or dismantled automobiles or  
4 unseaworthy boats or vessels;

5 (B) Automotive parts and equipment, appliances, and  
6 furniture; and

7 (C) Containers, packing materials, scrap metal, wood,  
8 building materials, concrete masonry units,  
9 rubbish, and debris.

10 Wood and building materials being used, or to be used,  
11 for a project of repair or renovation and for which an  
12 active building permit is in existence may be stored  
13 for as long as is necessary to complete the project  
14 expeditiously. Upon expiration or cancellation of the  
15 building permit, wood and building materials for the  
16 project must be immediately removed;

17 (2) The keeping, storage, depositing, or accumulation of  
18 dirt, sand, gravel, concrete, concrete masonry units,  
19 or other similar materials that constitute visual  
20 blight or reduce the aesthetic appearance of the  
21 neighborhood or is offensive to the senses or is  
22 detrimental to nearby property or property values;



- 1           (3) The operation of a junk yard or automobile dismantling  
2           yard, except as a permitted use in an industrial zone;
- 3           (4) The permitting of standing or stagnant water to  
4           accumulate, allowing vermin to live, breed, and  
5           multiply;
- 6           (5) Any dangerous, unsightly, or blighted condition that  
7           is detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of  
8           the public;
- 9           (6) Any condition recognized in law or in equity as  
10          constituting a public nuisance;
- 11          (7) The maintenance of the exterior of any vacant or  
12          unoccupied building or the interior of any building  
13          that is readily visible from any public highway or  
14          adjacent parcel of property in a state of  
15          unsightliness so as to constitute a blighted condition  
16          detrimental to the property values in the neighborhood  
17          or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare;
- 18          (8) Any unimproved real property that has become a dumping  
19          ground for litter, garbage, junk, debris, or discarded  
20          vehicles, vehicle parts, or vehicle hulks, and which  
21          real property has been subject to abatement action on  
22          one or more occasions pursuant to this chapter;



1 (9) Any illegal activity occurring on the property that is  
2 detrimental to the life, health, safety, and welfare  
3 of the residents, neighbors, or public. For purposes  
4 of this chapter, "illegal activity" is defined as any  
5 violation of state or federal law, rule, or  
6 regulation, or county ordinance or rule.

7 (b) Promoting a property nuisance is a misdemeanor."

8 SECTION 2. Section 712-1270, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "**§712-1270 Places used to commit offenses against public**  
11 **health and morals, a nuisance.** Every building, premises, or  
12 place used for the purpose of violating:

13 (1) Those laws pertaining to offenses against public  
14 health and morals contained in parts I, II, [~~and~~] IV,  
15 and of this chapter, except offenses under part IV  
16 which do not involve the manufacture or distribution  
17 of drugs; or

18 (2) Section 132D-14(a)(1) or (3),  
19 and every building, premises, or place in or upon which the  
20 violations are held or occur in parts I, II, [~~and~~] IV, and ,  
21 or section 132D-14(a)(1) or (3), is a nuisance that shall be



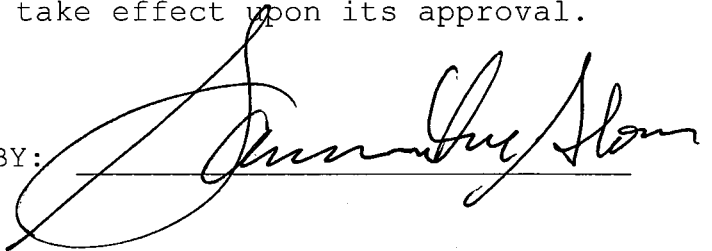
1 enjoined, abated, and prevented, regardless of whether it is a  
2 public or private nuisance."

3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY:

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# S.B. NO. 279

**Report Title:**

Nuisance; Misdemeanor

**Description:**

Makes the maintenance of a property nuisance a misdemeanor.

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