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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PRIVATE DETECTIVE AND PRIVATE GUARD IDENTIFICATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that within the State  
2 some private security guards may refer to or label themselves as  
3 police officers or law enforcement officers despite the fact  
4 that these individuals are not public servants vested by law and  
5 do not represent county, state, or federal law enforcement  
6 organizations. The legislature notes that private detectives  
7 and private guards are not permitted to imply any association  
8 with a government agency.

9           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to clarify that  
10 private detectives and private guards are prohibited from self-  
11 identifying as a law enforcement officer, police, or police  
12 officer.

13           SECTION 2. Section 463-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15           "§463-11 Association with government not to be implied.

16           (a) No licensee shall use any designation or trade name which  
17 implies any association with any municipal, county, state, or



1 territorial government or the federal government, or any agency  
 2 thereof; nor shall a licensee or employee of any licensee wear  
 3 or use any badge [e], uniform, equipment, vehicle, or other  
 4 accoutrement capable of being associated with the badge [e],  
 5 uniform, equipment, vehicle, or accoutrement of any law  
 6 enforcement officer employed by a government law enforcement  
 7 organization[-]; nor shall a licensee or employee of any  
 8 licensee use the terms "law enforcement officer", "police", or  
 9 "police officer" to self-identify.

10 (b) Any licensee or employee of any licensee who violates  
 11 this section shall be fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned  
 12 not more than ninety days, or both.

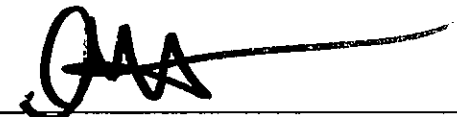
13 (c) For purposes of this section, "law enforcement  
 14 officer" has the same meaning as in section 710-1000."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

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

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INTRODUCED BY:



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# H.B. NO. 1626

**Report Title:**

Private Detectives; Private Guards; Law Enforcement Officers;  
Association with Government Agency Prohibited; Identification;  
Penalty

**Description:**

Prohibits private detectives and private guards from self-identifying as law enforcement officers, police, or police officers and wearing or using any badge, uniform, equipment, vehicle, or other accoutrement capable of being associated with that of a law enforcement officer employed by a government law enforcement organization. Imposes a fine for violations.

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