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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LATEX.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that latex allergy is a  
2 serious concern because it causes reactions ranging from mild  
3 rashes to difficulty breathing and deadly anaphylaxis.  
4 Approximately 3,000,000 people in the general population of the  
5 United States have this allergy, and incidence is even higher in  
6 certain at-risk populations. Nearly sixty-eight per cent of  
7 children with spina bifida and nearly seventeen per cent of  
8 health care workers have a latex allergy. Individuals with this  
9 allergy must be vigilant about latex exposure as research has  
10 shown that latex proteins that cause allergic reactions can be  
11 transferred from natural rubber latex gloves to food.

12           SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately  
14 designated and to read as follows:

15           "§321-       Dental health facilities; health care facilities;  
16 use of latex gloves prohibited.   The use of latex gloves in  
17 dental health facilities and health care facilities, including



1 all facilities listed in section 321-11(10), shall be  
2 prohibited."

3 SECTION 3. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by adding a new section to part XVIII to be  
5 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

6 "§321- Emergency medical services; use of latex gloves  
7 prohibited. The use of latex gloves by personnel providing  
8 ambulance services or emergency medical services pursuant to  
9 this part shall be prohibited."

10 SECTION 4. Chapter 328, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately  
12 designated and to read as follows:

13 "§328- Food establishments; use of latex gloves  
14 prohibited. The use of latex gloves in a food establishment  
15 permitted under title 11, chapter 12 of the Hawaii  
16 administrative rules shall be prohibited."

17 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.



**Report Title:**

Health; Latex; Latex Gloves; Prohibitions; Dental Health Facilities; Health Care Facilities; Ambulances; Emergency Medical Services; Food Establishments

**Description:**

Prohibits the use of latex gloves in dental health facilities, health care facilities, by personnel providing ambulance services or emergency medical services pursuant to the state comprehensive emergency medical services system, and in food establishments. Effective 7/1/2016. (SD2)

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