
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY WORKERS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 707-700, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "emergency worker" to read
3 as follows:
- 4 "Emergency worker" means any:
- 5 (1) Law enforcement officer, including any police officer,
6 public safety officer, parole or probation officer, or
7 any other officer of any county, state, federal, or
8 military agency authorized to exercise law enforcement
9 or police powers;
- 10 (2) Firefighter, emergency medical services personnel,
11 emergency medical technician, ambulance crewmember, or
12 any other emergency response personnel;
- 13 (3) Member of the Hawaii National Guard on any duty or
14 service done under or in pursuance of an order or call
15 of the governor or the President of the United States
16 or any proper authority;



- 1 (4) Member of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy,
2 Marine Corps, or Coast Guard on any duty or service
3 performed under or in pursuance of an order or call of
4 the President of the United States or any proper
5 authority;
- 6 (5) Member of the National Guard from any other state
7 ordered into service by any proper authority; [~~or~~]
- 8 (6) Person engaged in emergency management functions as
9 authorized by the director of Hawaii emergency
10 management or the administrator or director of the
11 county emergency management agency or as otherwise
12 authorized under chapter 127A[-]; or
- 13 (7) Telecommunications dispatcher, including any call-
14 taker, police, fire, or emergency medical dispatcher,
15 or any combination of these; emergency dispatcher; or
16 any other telecommunications dispatch personnel who,
17 while operating a 9-1-1 automated terminal, utilizes
18 multiple robust lifesaving procedures and technologies
19 to obtain critical information from the caller,
20 analyzes the information given and, from specialized
21 mapping systems, sends the appropriate and closest



1 available emergency unit and communicates the best
 2 course of action for the caller to take prior to the
 3 arrival of the field first responder."

4 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Emergency Workers; Communications Dispatchers; Penal Code;
Offenses Against the Person

Description:

Amends the definition of "emergency worker" in the Penal Code to include communications dispatchers.

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