
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
14 call-taker, police, fire, or emergency medical
15 dispatcher, or any combination of these; emergency
16 dispatcher; or any other telecommunications dispatch
17 personnel who, while operating a 9-1-1 automated
18 terminal, utilizes multiple robust lifesaving
19 procedures and technologies to obtain critical
20 information from the caller, analyzes the information
21 given and, from specialized mapping systems, sends the



1 appropriate and closest available emergency unit, and
2 communicates the best course of action for the caller
3 to take before the arrival of the field first
4 responder."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



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. Takes effect on 7/1/2050.
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