
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,
12 Hawaii state on-scene coordinator, or any other
13 emergency response personnel;

14 (3) Member of the Hawaii National Guard on any duty or
15 service done under or in pursuance of an order or call
16 of the governor or the President of the United States
17 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 Hawaii
14 state hospital telephone operator or call taker,
15 police, fire, or emergency medical dispatcher, or any
16 person who performs any combination of these
17 functions; emergency dispatcher; or any other
18 telecommunications dispatch personnel member who,
19 while operating a 911 automated terminal, uses
20 multiple robust lifesaving procedures and technologies
21 to obtain critical information from the caller,



1 analyzes the information given and, from specialized
2 mapping systems, sends the appropriate and closest
3 available emergency unit, and communicates the best
4 course of action for the caller to take before the
5 arrival of the field first responder."

6 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
7 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
8 begun before its effective date.

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Emergency Workers; Hawaii State On-scene Coordinator;
Communications Dispatchers; Penal Code; Offenses Against the
Person

Description:

Amends the definition of "emergency worker" in the Penal Code to
include Hawaii state on-scene coordinators and communications
dispatchers. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD2)

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