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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ABUSE OF FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 709-906, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by amending subsection (6) to read as follows:
- "(6) It shall be a petty misdemeanor for a person to
- 4 intentionally or knowingly strike, shove, kick, or otherwise
- 5 touch a family or household member in an offensive manner $[\frac{ox}{2}]$;
- 6 subject the family member or household member to offensive
- 7 physical contact; or exercise coercive control, as defined in
- 8 section 586-1, over a family or household member and the person
- 9 shall be sentenced as provided in sections 706-640 and 706-663.
- 10 Upon conviction and sentencing of the defendant, the court may
- 11 order that the defendant immediately be incarcerated to serve
- 12 the mandatory minimum sentence imposed; provided that the
- 13 defendant may be admitted to bail pending appeal pursuant to
- 14 chapter 804. The court may stay the imposition of the sentence
- 15 if special circumstances exist."

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- 1 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 3 begun before its effective date.
- 4 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Abuse of Family or Household Members; Coercive Control; Petty Misdemeanor

Description:

Adds coercive control between family or household members to the offense of abuse of family or household members as a petty misdemeanor.

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