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A Bill for an Act Relating to Aid to the Blind and Amending Sections 108-15 and 108-33, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as Amended.

Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. This Act is hereby declared to be an urgency measure deemed necessary in the public interest within the meaning of section 11 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

The following is a statement of the facts constituting such urgency:

At present the Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955 allows a blind person to earn an income of \$50 per month. Recently, the federal Social Security Act was amended so that a state is required to disregard the first \$85 per month of earned income plus one-half of earned income in excess of \$85 per month if the state is to qualify for federal matching funds. Hawaii will not be eligible for federal matching funds for the aid to the blind program commencing July 1, 1962 if the law is not amended to conform to the Social Security Act.

SECTION 2. Section 108-15 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955 is hereby amended by changing the last paragraph thereof to read as follows:

“The first \$85 per month of earned income of a blind applicant or recipient plus one-half of such blind individual’s monthly earned income in excess of \$85 per month shall be disregarded by the Department in determining his need for assistance, and the earned income so disregarded shall not be taken

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into consideration in determining the need of any other individual for assistance under the public assistance categories financed in part or in whole by Federal funds, so long as such exception is a requirement of the Social Security Act that must be complied with in order for the State to receive such federal matching funds.”

SECTION 3. Section 108-33 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as amended, is hereby amended by changing the phrases at the end of subsection (a) to read as follows:

“provided, that so long as such exception is a requirement of the Social Security Act that must be complied with in order for the State to receive Federal matching funds under the program of Aid to the Blind the first \$85 per month of a blind person’s earned income plus one-half of such person’s earned income in excess of \$85 per month shall be disregarded in determining the need of the blind individual.”

SECTION 4. Section 108-36 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as amended, is hereby amended by changing the last sentence to read as follows:

“The first \$85 per month of earned income of a blind applicant or recipient plus one-half of such blind individual’s monthly earned income in excess of \$85 per month shall be disregarded by the Department in determining his need for assistance, and the earned income so disregarded shall not be taken into consideration in determining the need of any other individual for assistance under the public assistance categories financed in part or in whole by Federal funds, so long as such exception is a requirement of the Social Security Act that must be complied with in order for the State to receive such Federal matching funds.”

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1962.

(Approved May 14, 1962.) **H.B. 5.**
