

ACT 8

A Bill for an Act Amending Section 260-18, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955,
Relating to Coroner's Physician.

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

SECTION 1. Purpose. Section 11 of Article III of the state constitution provides for the consideration and enactment in a budget session of all urgency measures deemed necessary in the public interest. Said Section 11 further provides that no urgency measure shall be considered unless a statement of fact constituting such urgency shall be set forth in a section thereof and until such section shall have been first approved by each house. Pursuant to said Section 11 of Article III of the state constitution, this act is hereby declared to be an urgency measure deemed necessary in the public interest. The following is a statement of fact constituting such urgency:

At present there is a difference of opinion between the attorney general and the county attorneys of the state as to the definition of the coroner's physician. The change sought will correct the ambiguity in the existing law and would make certain who is to perform the autopsy in cases requiring police attention.

SECTION 2. Means. Section 260-18, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 260-18. Coroner's physician; laboratory facilities. The city and county physician or any of his assistants in the city and county of Honolulu, and any experienced or qualified government physician designated by the coroner in the counties of Hawaii, Maui and Kauai, shall be the coroner's physician for such county or city and county. The facilities of the laboratories of the state department of health shall be made available to the coroner's physician. The term government physician as used in this chapter means a physician employed by the State or any of its political subdivisions."

SECTION 3. Effective date. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 14, 1962.) H.B. 520.
