

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Definition of Contractors.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to clarify the definition of contractor in section 444-1(2) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Although “contractor” means any person undertaking certain works in connection with any realty or any structure, the words “project, development, or improvement” do not sufficiently indicate that realty is included. The applicability of the term “contractor” would be clarified and the purpose of this chapter to protect the general public would be furthered by inserting a phrase which specifies the inclusion of certain works in connection with any realty, including landscaping and tree trimming.

SECTION 2. Section 444-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“**Sec. 444-1 Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

- (1) “Board” means the contractors license board;
- (2) “Contractor” means any person who by himself or through others offers to undertake, or holds himself out as being able to undertake, or does undertake to alter, add to, subtract from, improve, enhance, or beautify any realty or construct, alter, repair, add to, subtract from, improve, move, wreck, or demolish any building, highway, road, railroad, excavation, or other structure, project, development, or improvement, or do any part thereof, including the erection of scaffolding or other structures or works in connection therewith, for another person, for a fee;
- (3) “Contractor” includes a subcontractor and a specialty contractor;
- (4) “Person” means an individual, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or any combination thereof. “Corporation” includes an association, business trust or any organized group of persons;
- (5) “RME” means responsible managing employee.

SECTION 3. Material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.\*

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved July 2, 1970.)

\* Edited accordingly