

A Bill for an Act Relating to Fish and Game.

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

SECTION 1. Section 187-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“Sec. 187-8 Enforcement of fish and games laws. The department of land and natural resources shall have charge, direction and control of all matters relating to the preserving, protecting, propagating, importing, and distributing of fish and marine life, and game birds and game animals within the State and the waters subject to its jurisdiction, and the enforcement of the laws relating to such work.

The department of land and natural resources may appoint fish and game agents, including but not limited to fish and game agents on a voluntary basis and without pay, to enforce fish and game laws, and to perform such duties and to enforce such other laws as may be provided by law.

The term ‘fish and game agents’ shall mean and include all personnel appointed by the department to enforce fish and game laws, and to perform such duties and to enforce such other laws as may be provided by law, whether called fish and game officer, deputy fish and game warden, volunteer deputy fish and game warden, fish and wildlife enforcement officer, volunteer fish and wildlife enforcement officer, or by any other name or title.

The fish and game agents of the department shall be provided with suitable badges or insignia of office by the department, and shall have all powers of police officers, including the power to serve and execute warrants and to arrest offenders, throughout the State, in all matters relating to the enforcement of the fish and game laws.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.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 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 4, 1973.)

*Edited accordingly.