

ACT 135

H.B. NO. 354

A Bill for an Act Relating to Eligibility of Applicants for Farm Loans and Farm Lots.

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

SECTION 1. Section 155-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definition of “new farmer program” to read:

“(3) “New farmer program” means a new farm enterprise for qualified new farmers, including persons who are displaced from employment in an agricultural production enterprise, college graduates in agriculture, community college graduates in agriculture, and mem-

bers of the Hawaii Young Farmer Association and Future Farmer of America graduates with farming projects, persons who have not less than two years' experience as part-time farmers, persons who have been farm tenants or farm laborers, or other individuals who have for the two years last preceding their application obtained the major portion of their income from farming operations, and persons who by reason of ability, experience, and training as vocational trainees are likely to successfully operate a farm, who otherwise meet the eligibility requirements of section 155-10."

SECTION 2. Section 171-68, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read:

"(a) A person shall be eligible to apply for a farm if he has the qualifications as follows:

- (1) He has been a resident in the State at any time for at least three years;
- (2) He is a bona fide farmer:
 - (A) Who has not less than two years' experience as a full-time farmer; or
 - (B) Who was an owner-operator of an established farm conducting a substantial farming operation and who for a substantial period of his life resided on a farm or depended on farm income for his livelihood; or
 - (C) Who has been a farm tenant or farm laborer or other individual, who has for the two years last preceding his application obtained the major portion of his income from farming operations; or
 - (D) Who has a college degree in agriculture; or
 - (E) Who by reason of ability, experience, and training as a vocational trainee is likely to successfully operate a farm; or
 - (F) Who has qualified for and received a commitment for a loan under the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act as amended, or as may hereafter be amended, for the acquisition of a farm; or
 - (G) Who is displaced from employment in an agricultural production enterprise; or
 - (H) Who is a member of the Hawaii Young Farmer Association or a Future Farmer of America graduate with two years of training with farming projects; or
- (3) He meets such other qualifications as the board of land and natural resources may prescribe pursuant to section 171-6."

SECTION 3. 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 4. This Act shall take effect upon approval.

(Approved May 27, 1975.)

*Edited accordingly.