

ACT 147

H.B. NO. 946

A Bill for an Act Relating to Child Abuse and Neglect.

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

SECTION 1. Section 350-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 350-1 Reports. Any doctor, which for the purposes of this chapter means any person licensed by the State to render services in medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, or any of the other healing arts, examining, attending, or treating a minor, or any registered nurse, school teacher, social worker, or coroner acting in his official capacity, having reason to believe that such minor has had injury inflicted upon him as a result of abuse or neglect, shall promptly report the matter orally to the department of social services and housing; provided that when examination, attendance, or treatment with respect to the minor is pursuant to the performance of services as a member of the staff of a hospital or similar facility, the staff member shall immediately notify the person in charge of the medical facility, or his designated delegate,

who shall report or cause reports to be made in accordance with this chapter.

Abuse or neglect of a minor for the purposes of this chapter means physical or mental injury, sexual abuse, negligent treatment, or maltreatment of a child under 18 years of age under circumstances which indicate that the minor's health or welfare has been or is harmed or threatened thereby.

The initial oral report shall be followed as soon thereafter as possible by a report in writing. The report shall contain the name and address of the minor and of his parents or other persons responsible for his care, if known, the minor's age, the nature and extent of the minor's injuries, and any other information that the reporter believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of the injuries.

Any other person who has reason to believe that a minor has had injury inflicted upon him as a result of abuse or neglect may report the matter orally to the department of social services and housing."

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the underscoring.*

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

(Approved May 27, 1975.)

*Edited accordingly.