

ACT 173

S.B. NO. 2212-84

A Bill for an Act Relating to Health.

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

SECTION 1. Section 321-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“§321-1 General powers of the department. The department of health shall have general charge, oversight, and care of the health and lives of the people of the State. It shall have authority in matters of quarantine and other health matters and may declare and enforce quarantine when none exists and modify or release quarantine when it is established. When in the judgment of its director, there is deemed to be a potential health hazard, the department, through its director, may take precautionary measures to protect the public through the imposition of an embargo or the detention of products regulated by the department, or the removal of products regulated by the department from the market, or the declaration of quarantine; provided that the director must find evidence of a health hazard within seventy-two hours of the action taken or rescind the action. The director shall make public the findings. All county health authorities, sheriffs and police officers, and all other officers and employees of the State, and every county thereof, shall enforce the rules and regulations of the department. All such powers in health matters as have been or may be conferred upon any county shall be concurrent with those of the department. It shall make, through its director, an annual report to the governor, showing in detail all its expenditures and transactions, and such other information regarding the public health as it may deem of special interest.

The department shall also, during the prevalence of any severe pestilence or epidemic, publish a weekly report of the public health.”

SECTION 2. New material is underscored.

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

(Approved May 26, 1984.)