ACT 281

S.B. NO. 1694-84

A Bill for an Act Relating to Consumer Protection.

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

SECTION 1. Section 485-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definition of "investment adviser" to read as follows:

"(6) "Investment adviser" means any person who, for compensation, engages in the business of advising others, either directly or through publications or writings, as to the value of securities or as to the advisability of investing in, purchasing, or selling securities, or who, for compensation and as a part of a regular business, issues or promulgates analyses or reports concerning securities. "Investment adviser" does not include (A) a bank, savings institution, or trust company; (B) a lawyer, accountant, engineer, or teacher whose performance of these services is solely incidental to the practice of his profession: (C) a dealer whose performance of these services is solely incidental to the conduct of his business as a dealer and who receives no special compensation for them; (D) a publisher of any bona fide newspaper, news magazine, or business of financial publication of general, regular, and paid circulation; (E) a person whose advice, analyses, or reports relate only to securities exempted by section 485-4(1); (F) a person who has no place of business in this State if (i) his only clients in this State are other investment advisers, dealers, banks, savings institutions, trust companies, insurance companies, investment companies as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, pension or profit-sharing trusts, or other financial institutions or institutional buyers, whether acting

for themselves or as trustees, or (ii) during any period of twelve consecutive months he does not direct business communications into this State in any manner to more than five clients other than those specified in clause (i), whether or not he or any of the persons to whom the communications are directed is then present in this State; [or] (G) a person who is employed by a mutual fund which is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission; or (H) such other persons not within the intent of this paragraph as the commissioner may by rule or order designate."

SECTION 2. Section 485-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§485-14 Registration of dealers, investment advisers, and salesmen. (a) It is unlawful for any person to transact business in this State as a dealer, investment adviser, or salesman unless registered under this chapter.

- (b) Eligibility for registration as a dealer. To be eligible for registration as a dealer an applicant must be of good repute and have had (or if the applicant is a partnership or corporation have at least one partner, officer, or employee who has) at least one year of experience as a full-time security salesman or experience as a security salesman on a part-time basis found by the commissioner of securities to be substantially equivalent thereto, provided that the foregoing experience requirement shall not apply to issuers of securities applying for registration as dealers for the sole purpose of issuing and selling securities issued by them.
- (c) Application for registration as a dealer. An application for registration as a dealer in writing shall be filed in the office of the commissioner in such form as the commissioner may prescribe, duly verified by oath, and shall state the principal office of the applicant wherever situated, and the location of the principal office and branch offices in the State, if any, the name and style of doing business, the names, residence, and business of principals, copartners, officers, and directors, specifying as to each his capacity and title, the general plan and character of business, the length of time the dealer has been engaged in business and information as to the time, place, and character of experience as a securities salesman. The commissioner may also require such additional information as to the applicant's previous history, record, and association as he deems necessary to establish the good repute in business of the applicant. There shall be filed with such application an irrevocable written consent to the service of process upon the commissioner in actions against the dealer in manner and form provided in section 485-12.
- (d) Eligibility for registration as an investment adviser. To be eligible for registration under this chapter, an investment adviser shall be of good repute, shall have complied with provisions mandatory of this section, and shall take

and pass an oral or written examination, or both, prescribed by the commissioner, to test the applicant's knowledge of the securities business; provided that an applicant who has evidence of successfully passing an examination required by the Securities and Exchange Commission or by any national securities exchange or national securities association registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or who was registered as an investment adviser by the Securities and Exchange Commission as of January 1, 1983, shall be exempt from this requirement. Every person required to take such an examination at or before the time of the examination, shall pay to the commissioner a fee of \$100.

- (e) Registration of investment advisers. An application for registration, duly verified by oath by the applicant, shall be filed in the office of the commissioner accompanied by (1) an irrevocable written consent to the service of process upon the commissioner in actions against the investment adviser in manner and form provided in section 485-12, (2) the applicant's photograph, and (3) a form of the disclosure statement described in section 485-25(c)(4). Information on the registration statement shall include:
 - The name and form of organization under which the investment adviser engages or intends to engage in business; the name of the state or other sovereign power under which the investment adviser is organized; the location of the investment adviser's principal business office and branch offices, if any; the names and addresses of the investment adviser's partners, officers, directors, and persons performing similar functions or, if the investment adviser is an individual, of such individual; and the number of the investment adviser's employees;
 - (2) The education, the business affiliations for the past five years, and the present business affiliations of the investment adviser and of the investment adviser's partners, officers, directors, and persons performing similar functions and of any controlling person thereof;
 - (3) The nature of the business of the investment adviser, including the manner of giving advice and rendering analyses or reports;
 - (4) A balance sheet certified by an independent public accountant and other certified financial statements;
 - (5) The nature and scope of the authority of the investment adviser with respect to clients' funds and accounts;
 - (6) The basis or bases upon which the investment adviser is compensated;
 - (7) Whether the investment adviser, or any person employed by or associated in business with the investment adviser, is subject to any disqualification which would be a basis for denial, suspension, or revocation of registration of the investment adviser under section 485-15;

- (8) A statement as to whether the principal business of the investment adviser consists or is to consist of acting as investment adviser; and
- (9) Such other information as to the applicant's previous history, record, and association as the commissioner deems necessary to establish the good repute of the applicant.

The commissioner may use a uniform registration form adopted by the North American Securities Administrators Association, the Securities and Exchange Commission, or any national securities exchange or national securities association registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; provided such form encompasses the information required under this section.

If an applicant is currently registered by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or any national securities exchange or national securities association registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the commissioner may accept a certified copy of the registration application the applicant submitted to obtain such registration in lieu of the application required by this section.

[(d)] (f) Approval, bond. If the commissioner finds that the applicant for registration as a dealer is eligible for such registration, then he shall register the applicant as a dealer upon payment of the fee hereinafter provided and upon such dealer's filing a bond in the sum of \$5,000 running to the State conditioned upon the faithful compliance with this chapter by the dealer and by all salesmen registered by him while acting for him. The bond shall be executed as surety by a surety company authorized to do business in the State, provided[,] that no bond is required of or from any such applicant if the applicant at the time of making his application is a member of any recognized stock or bond exchange which has been in existence for a period of five years prior to April 29, 1931; provided further[,] that no bond is required of a dealer if the aggregate par value of the securities to be sold is less than \$5,000 or in the case of no par value stock, if the price at which the stock is to be offered to the public is less than \$5,000 if the person selling or offering the securities for sale to the public notifies the commissioner in writing of his intention to make the sale and after the sale files with the commissioner a statement of the kind and amount of stock sold and the price received therefor, but where the aggregate par value of the securities or the price at which the stock is to be offered to the public is less than \$5,000 no more than one such sale or offering shall be allowed within a period of one year; provided further[,] that in lieu of the above bond any dealer may deposit and keep deposited with the commissioner cash in the amount of \$5,000 or securities to be approved by the commissioner having a market value at all times of not less than \$5,000 which cash or securities shall be held in trust for the fulfilling of the same terms and conditions as in the case of a bond required by this section, which cash or securities may be withdrawn at any time subject to the deposit in lieu thereof of cash or other securities of equal value, or upon the filing of a bond

as provided in this section, and which cash or securities will be so held in trust for a period of two years beyond the revocation or termination of the registration of the dealer depositing the same.

- (g) Investment adviser's approval; bond, insurance required. If the commissioner finds that the applicant for registration as an investment adviser is eligible for such registration, the commissioner shall register the investment adviser upon a payment of a fee hereinafter provided and upon such investment adviser filing a bond in the sum of \$10,000 with the State as the obligee. The bond requirement shall be \$5,000 if the adviser does not have custody of or discretionary authority over client money, securities or other assets. The bond shall be conditioned upon the faithful compliance with this chapter by the investment adviser. The bond shall be executed as a surety by a surety company authorized to do business in the State. In addition, the investment adviser shall file with the commissioner a certificate of insurance which indicates that such investment adviser's business is insured for errors and omissions for at least \$100,000 per occurrence with a \$200,000 aggregate for those with less than two years experience and a \$500,000 aggregate for those with two or more years of experience for the protection of the investment adviser's client.
- [(e)] (h) Eligibility for registration as a salesman. To be eligible for registration under this chapter a salesman shall be of good repute, shall have complied with the provisions mandatory of this section, shall be designated as a salesman by a registered dealer, and shall take and pass an oral or written examination, or both, prescribed by the commissioner, to test his knowledge of the securities business. Every person required to take such an examination shall, at or before the time he takes the same, pay a fee as prescribed by the commissioner. No person shall be designated as a salesman by, or shall act as a salesman for, more than one registered dealer.
- [(f)] (i) Registration of salesmen. An information statement, containing such information as the commissioner shall prescribe, duly verified by oath by the applicant, shall be filed in the office of the commissioner, together with an appointment of the applicant as a salesman by a registered dealer. If the commissioner finds a salesman designated by any registered dealer to be eligible for registration as a salesman, he shall register the person as a salesman upon the payment of the fee hereinafter provided.
- [(g)] (j) Recording; duration; renewal; fee. The name and addresses of all persons found eligible for registration as dealers, investment advisers, or salesmen and all orders with respect thereto shall be recorded in a register of dealers, investment advisers, and salesmen kept in the office of the commissioner which shall be open to public inspection. Except as hereinafter provided, every registration under this section shall expire on December 31 in each odd-numbered year. Applications for renewals shall be made not less than thirty nor more than sixty days before the end of the odd-numbered year. Any applicant

for renewal of a dealer, investment adviser, or salesman license who does not submit his application within the time prescribed by this section shall pay a penalty of one hundred per cent of the applicable renewal fee. Any applicant for renewal of a dealer or investment adviser license who submits his application after December 31 of the odd-numbered year shall be required to reapply as a new dealer[.] or investment adviser. The registration of any investment adviser or salesman may be revoked or terminated prior to its expiration by written notice filed with the commissioner by the registered dealer or registered salesman concerned, and the revocation shall take effect as of the date and time of filing of the notice. Upon revocation or termination of the registration of any salesman, the salesman's certificate of registration shall be surrendered to the commissioner for cancellation. The fee for registration and for each biennial renewal shall be \$50 in the case of dealers and investment advisers and \$10 in the case of salesmen.

- [(h)] (k) Changes. Changes in registration occasioned by changes in the personnel of a partnership or in the principals, copartners, officers, or directors of any dealer or investment adviser's business may be made from time to time by written application setting forth the facts with respect to such change.
- (1) Announcement of registration application. The commissioner, by rule, may require an applicant for initial registration as a dealer, investment adviser, or salesperson to publish an announcement of the application in one or more newspapers of general circulation in this State.
- [(i)] (m) Notice of intent to offer. Every registered dealer who intends to offer any security of any issue registered or to be registered shall notify the commissioner in writing of his intention so to do. The notice shall contain the name of the dealer, shall state the name of the security to be offered for sale, and whenever a dealer has prepared such notice and has forwarded the same by registered mail, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to the commissioner, such dealer, as to the contents of the notice and the filing thereof, is deemed to have complied with the requirements of this subsection.
- [(j)] (n) Issuers as dealers. Any issuer of a security required to be registered under this chapter selling such securities (other than in exempt transactions as defined in section 485-6), and any issuer of an exempt security as defined in section 485-4(9) and (10) offering such securities (other than (1) in exempt transactions as defined in section 485-6, or (2) through a dealer registered pursuant to this chapter) shall file with the commissioner a bond or deposit securities or cash in an amount, based on the total capitalization, to be determined by the commissioner in his discretion, which amount, however, shall not be less than \$5,000, nor more than \$25,000, subject also to the same conditions as herein prescribed in the case of dealers, and may appoint salesmen in the manner herein prescribed in the case of dealers.

[(k)] (o) Capital requirement for dealers[.] and investment advisers. The commissioner may by rule require a minimum capital requirement for registered dealers which shall not be less than \$5,000 in the case of dealers and prescribe a ratio between net capital and aggregate indebtedness. The commissioner may by rule require a net worth requirement which shall not be less than \$5,000 for investment advisers."

SECTION 3. Section 485-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§485-15 [Revocation] Denial, revocation of dealers', investment advisers', and salesmen's registration; suspension during investigation, etc. [Registration] Upon the finding of errors in a registration statement or the filing of complaints by consumers or by any government agency, the commissioner may conduct an investigation of the applicant or registrant and registration under section 485-14 may be refused or any registration granted may be revoked by the commissioner of securities if after a reasonable notice and a hearing the commissioner determines that the applicant or registrant so registered:

- (1) Has violated this chapter or any [regulation] <u>rule</u> made hereunder; [or]
- (2) Has made a material false statement in the application for registration; [or]
- (3) Has been guilty of a fraudulent act in connection with any sale of securities, or has been or is engaged or is about to engage in making fictitious or pretended sales or purchases of any such securities or has been or is engaged or is about to engage in any practice or sale of securities which is fraudulent or in violation of law; or
- (4) Has demonstrated his unworthiness to transact the business of dealer, investment adviser, or salesman.

In cases of charges against a salesman notice thereof shall also be given the dealer employing such salesman. Pending the hearing the commissioner may order the suspension of the dealer's, investment adviser's, or salesman's registration; provided the order states the cause for the suspension.

Until the entry of a final order the suspension of the dealer's or investment adviser's registration, though binding upon the persons notified thereof, shall be deemed confidential, and shall not be published, unless it appears that the order of suspension has been violated after notice.

In the event the commissioner determines to refuse or revoke a registration as hereinabove provided, he shall enter a final order herein with his findings on the register of dealers, investment advisers, and salesmen; and suspension or revocation of the registration of a dealer shall also suspend or revoke the registration of all his salesmen.

It shall be sufficient cause for refusal or cancellation of registration in case of a partnership or corporation or any unincorporated association, if any member of a partnership or any officer or director of the corporation or association has been guilty of any act or omission which would be cause for refusing or revoking the registration of an individual dealer, investment adviser, or salesman."

SECTION 4. Section 485-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§485-16 Dealers' and investment advisers' records and reports; commissioner's powers. Every dealer and investment adviser registered under this chapter shall make and keep for a period of three years after the close of the calendar or fiscal year to which they pertain, full and complete records of his business, which records shall be open to inspection by the commissioner of securities and, in addition, shall file with the commissioner such annual or special reports of the condition, financial or other, of the dealer[,] or investment adviser, in such form and detail, as the commissioner shall require. For the purpose of avoiding unnecessary duplication of inspections and examinations, the commissioner may cooperate with the securities administrators of other states, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and any national securities exchange or national securities association registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. If any such dealer or investment adviser fails or refuses to make or keep any such record or to file any such report, the commissioner may subpoena the dealer, investment adviser, or any person having knowledge of the dealer's or investment adviser's affairs to appear and testify or produce documentary evidence, administer oaths, and examine the dealer, investment adviser, or any such person under oath with respect to the affairs of the dealer[.] or investment adviser. The subpoena shall have the same force and effect and shall be served in the same manner as if issued from a court of record. Witness fees and mileage claims shall be allowed the same as for testimony in a court of record. Witness fees, mileage, and actual expenses necessarily incurred in securing the attendance of witnesses and of testimony and the production of documents shall constitute a charge against the dealer[,] or investment adviser, recoverable by action by the State for the use of the persons entitled thereto. If any individual fails to obey the subpoena or obeys the subpoena and refuses to testify when required concerning the matter under investigation, the commissioner shall file his written report thereof and proof of service of his subpoena in the circuit court for the circuit in which the examination is being conducted. Thereupon the court shall forthwith cause the individual to be brought before it to show cause why he should not be held in contempt; and if so held, may punish him as if the failure or refusal related to a subpoena from or testimony in that court."

SECTION 5. Section 485-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§485-19 Injunctions. Whenever it shall appear to the commissioner of securities either upon complaint or otherwise, that in the issuance, sale, promotion, negotiation, advertising, or distribution of any securities within the State, including any security exempted under section 485-4, and including any transaction exempted under section 485-6, any person, as defined in this chapter:

- (1) Has employed or employs, or is about to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud or for obtaining money or property by means of any false pretense, representation, or promise;
- (2) Or that any such person has made, makes, or attempts to make in the State fictitious or pretended purchases or sales of securities;
- (3) Or has engaged in or engages in or is about to engage in any practice or transaction or course of business relating to the purchase or sale of securities (A) which is in violation of law, (B) or which is fraudulent, (C) or which has operated or which would operate as a fraud upon the purchaser; any one or all of which devices, schemes, artifices, fictitious or pretended purchases or sales of securities, practices, transactions, and courses of business are declared to be and are hereinafter referred to as fraudulent practices;
- (4) Or that any person is acting as dealer, investment adviser, or salesman within the State without being duly registered as such dealer, investment adviser, or salesman as provided in this chapter;

the commissioner may investigate and whenever he believes from evidence satisfactory to him: that any such person has engaged in, is engaged, or is about to engage in any of the practices or transactions hereinbefore referred to as and declared to be fraudulent practices; or is selling or offering for sale any securities in violation of this chapter or is acting as a dealer, investment adviser, or salesman without being duly registered as provided in this chapter, the commissioner may, in addition to any other remedies, bring suit in the name and on behalf of the State against such person and any other person or persons concerned in or in any way participating in or about to participate in such fraudulent practices or acting in violation of this chapter, to enjoin such person and such other person or persons from continuing such fraudulent practices or engaging therein or doing any act or acts in furtherance thereof or in violation of this chapter.

In any such court proceedings the commissioner may apply for and on due showing be entitled to have issued the court's subpoena requiring forthwith the appearance of any defendant and his employees, salesmen, or agents and the production of documents, books, and records as may appear necessary for the hearing of such petition to testify and give evidence concerning the acts or conduct or things complained of in the application for injunction. In the suit the

circuit courts sitting without a jury have jurisdiction of the subject matter and a judgment may be entered awarding such injunction as may be proper."

SECTION 6. Section 485-25, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

- "(c) It is unlawful for any investment adviser to enter into, extend, or renew any investment advisory contract unless it provides in writing:
 - (1) That the investment adviser shall not be compensated on the basis of a share of capital gains upon or capital appreciation of the funds or any portion of the funds of the client;
 - (2) That no assignment of the contract may be made by the investment adviser without the consent of the other party to the contract; [and]
 - (3) That the investment adviser, if a partnership, shall notify the other party to the contract of any change in the membership of the partnership within a reasonable time after the change[.];
 - (4) That the investment adviser shall disclose to the client in a separate disclosure statement the capacity in which the investment adviser is acting and the compensation to be received in situations where (i) the investment adviser is acting as principal for the investment adviser's own account and knowingly sells any security to or purchases any security from a client for whom he is acting as investment adviser, or, (ii) the investment adviser is acting as broker for a person other than the client and knowingly effects any sale or purchase of securities, real estate, insurance contracts, annuities contracts, or any types of real or personal property for the account of the client; and
 - (5) That the investment adviser shall provide the disclosure statement described in section 485-25(c)(4) and obtain the written consent of the client to the transactions described in the disclosure statement prior to the closing of the transactions.

Clause (1) does not prohibit an investment advisory contract which provides for compensation based upon the total value of a fund averaged over a definite period, or as of definite dates or taken as of a definite date.

"Assignment", as used in clause (2), includes any direct or indirect transfer or hypothecation of an investment advisory contract by the assignor or of a controlling block of the assignor's outstanding voting securities by a security holder of the assignor; but, if the investment adviser is a partnership, no assignment of an investment advisory contract is considered to result from the death or withdrawal of a minority of the members of the investment adviser having only a minority interest in the business of the investment adviser, or from the admission to the investment adviser of one or more members who, after

admission, will be only a minority of the members and will have only a minority interest in the business."

SECTION 7. Section 485-25, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding subsection (d) to read as follows:

"(d) It is unlawful for any investment adviser to use any scheme, device, or artifice to circumvent or attempt to circumvent the prohibitions or limitations in subsection (c)."

SECTION 8. Section 485-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definition of "security" to read:

"(12) "Security" means any note, stock, treasury stock, bond, debenture, evidence of indebtedness, certificate of interest or participation in any profit-sharing agreement, collateral-trust certificate, preorganization certificate or subscription, transferable share, investment contract, variable annuity contract, voting trust certificate, certificate of deposit for a security, certificate of interest in an oil, gas, or mining title or lease, option on commodity futures contracts or, in general, any interest or instrument commonly known as a "security[,]", or any certificate of interest or participation in, temporary or interim certificate for, guarantee of, or warrant or right to subscribe to or purchase, any of the foregoing. "Security" does not include any insurance or endowment policy or fixed annuity contract."

SECTION 9. Section 485-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

"§485-4 Exempt securities. The following securities are exempt from sections 485-8 and 485-25(a)(7):

- (1) Any security (including a revenue obligation) issued or guaranteed by the United States, any state or territory, any political subdivision of a state or territory, or any agency or corporate or other instrumentality of one or more of the foregoing, or any certificate of deposit for any of the foregoing;
- (2) Any security issued or guaranteed by Canada, any Canadian province, any political subdivision of such province, any agency or corporate or other instrumentality of one or more of the foregoing, or any other foreign government with which the United States currently maintains diplomatic relations, if the security is recognized as a valid obligation by the issuer or guarantor;
- (3) Any security issued by and representing an interest in or a debt of, or guaranteed by, any bank organized under the laws of the United States, or any bank, savings institution, or trust company organized

- and supervised under the laws of any state or territory or any investment certificate issued by an industrial loan company duly licensed under the industrial loan law of the State of Hawaii;
- (4) Any security issued by and representing an interest in or a debt of, or guaranteed by, any federal savings and loan association or any building and loan or similar association organized under the laws of any state or territory and authorized to do business in the State;
- (5) Any security issued by and representing an interest in or a debt of, or guaranteed by, any insurance company organized under the laws of any state or territory and authorized to do business in the State;
- (6) Any security issued or guaranteed by any federal credit union, or any credit union or similar association organized and supervised under the laws of the State;
- (7) Any security issued or guaranteed by any common carrier, public utility, or holding company which is (A) subject to the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission; (B) a registered holding company under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or a subsidiary of such a company within the meaning of that Act; (C) regulated in respect of its rates and charges by a governmental authority of the United States or any state or territory; or (D) regulated in respect of the issuance or guarantee of the security by a governmental authority of the United States or any state or territory;
- (8) Any security listed or approved for listing upon notice of issuance on any exchange registered or exempted under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; any other security of the same issuer which is of senior or substantially equal rank; any security called for by subscription rights or warrants so listed or approved; or any warrant or right to purchase or subscribe for any of the foregoing;
- (9) Any security issued by any issuer organized and operated not for private profit but exclusively for religious, educational, benevolent, charitable, fraternal, social, athletic, or reformatory purposes, or as a chamber of commerce or trade or professional association;
- (10) Any commercial paper which arises out of a current transaction or the proceeds of which have been or are to be used for current transactions, and which evidences an obligation to pay cash within nine months of the date of issuance, exclusive of days of grace, or any renewal of such paper which is likewise limited, or any guarantee of such paper or of any such renewal;

- (11) Any investment contract issued in connection with an employees' stock purchase, savings, pension, profit-sharing, or similar benefit plan;
- (12) Any option on a commodity futures contract subject to regulation under the Commodity Exchange Act;
- (13) Any security issued by an "investment company" as defined by and registered under the "Investment Company Act of 1940" (15 U.S.C. §80a);
- (14) Any cooperative association membership stock, membership certificates or share, or membership capital, pursuant to section 421C-36, or chapters 421 or 422[.];
- (15) Any variable annuity contract which is an investment contract prepared by a life insurance company designed to offer continuous income through participation in a mutual fund portfolio or a variable annuity contract based upon a separate account which is registered as a management investment company with the Securities and Exchange Commission."

SECTION 10. If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect the other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

SECTION 11. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.

SECTION 12. This Act shall take effect upon its approval, except that SECTION 1 through 7, inclusive, shall take effect on October 1, 1984.

(Approved June 12, 1984.)