

ACT 264

S.B. NO. 993

A Bill for an Act Relating to Health.

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

SECTION 1. Section 325-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§325-4 Identity of patients safeguarded. Reports to the department of health provided for by this chapter shall not be made public so as to disclose the identity of the persons to whom they relate except [insofar] as [may be] necessary to safeguard the public health against those who disobey the rules [and regulations] relating to these diseases or to secure conformity to the laws of the State.

Reports to the department of health of persons who had or have [had viral hepatitis] diseases or conditions transmittable by blood or blood products may be disclosed by the department to any blood bank to enable it to reject as donors [any individual with such a history.] those individuals, any law to the contrary notwithstanding. In addition, the department may disclose to any blood bank information on persons suspected by physical symptoms, clinical examination, or laboratory evidence of having diseases or conditions transmittable by blood or blood products, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

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

(Approved June 24, 1987.)