

ACT 340

H.B. NO. 1738

A Bill for an Act Relating to Employment for the Chronically Mentally Ill.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature is informed that many chronically mentally ill people can perform well in certain kinds of employment in on-going commercial business enterprises and thus become productive members of society. Employment can be a positive factor in their lives by providing the basis for stability and pride of accomplishment. Society also benefits from the productivity of those who may otherwise remain idle. The legislature finds that the establishment of an employment program to meet the specific needs of the chronically mentally ill is in the best interest of this State.

SECTION 2. Chapter 334, Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§334- Employment program for the chronically mentally ill established. There is established within the mental health division of the department of health a community-based employment program for the chronically mentally ill to (1) create business enterprises for employment of the chronically mentally ill; (2) teach the skills and attitudes which will enable the chronically mentally ill to become employed; and (3) provide support services including housing so that the chronically mentally ill can secure and maintain employment and live within the community.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored¹.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1987.

(Approved June 29, 1987.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.