

A Bill for an Act Relating to Contractors.

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

SECTION 1. Section 444-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“~~§444-18~~ **Hearings.** In every case where it is proposed to [refuse to grant a license or to] revoke or suspend a license [or to refuse to renew a license,] or where a license application has been denied, the contractors license board shall give the person concerned [notice and] an opportunity for a hearing in conformity with chapter 91. [The notice shall be given in writing by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested at least fifteen days before the hearing.] The hearing whenever possible shall be held on the island on which the aggrieved party resides.

[In all proceedings before it, the board and each member thereof shall have the same powers respecting administering oaths, compelling the attendance of witnesses, and the production of documentary evidence, and examining witnesses as are possessed by circuit courts. In case of disobedience by any person of any order of the board, or any member thereof, or of any subpoena issued by it, or the member, or the refusal of any witness to testify to any matter regarding which the witness may be questioned lawfully, any circuit judge, on application by the board, or a member thereof, shall compel obedience as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued by a circuit court, or a refusal to testify therein.]”

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.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 May 29, 1987.)