

ACT 248

S.B. NO. 1872

A Bill for an Act Relating to Escrow Depositories.

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

SECTION 1. Section 449-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“§449-15 Audited statements.** Each escrow depository shall at its own expense submit to the commissioner within ninety days after the close of its fiscal year a certified audit of its books and records made by an independent certified public accountant. The audit shall include a direct verification of all deposits of money made with or by the escrow depository. Failure to comply with this section shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of the escrow depository’s license [and such failure] in accordance with the provisions of section 449-17. Failure to comply with this section shall authorize the commissioner to order an independent audit at the expense of the escrow depository[.] and shall also authorize the commissioner to impose an administrative fine of \$100 per day for each day that the audit is overdue.”

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.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

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

(Approved June 8, 1989.)