

ACT 110

H.B. NO. 3617

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Department of Health.

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

SECTION 1. Section 321-224, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“~~[[§321-224]]~~ **Department of health, functions, duties.** In addition to other functions and duties assigned to the department of health under this part, it shall have but not be limited to the following functions and duties. The department shall:

- (1) Regulate ambulances and ambulance services.

- (2) Establish emergency medical services throughout the State, which shall meet the requirements of this part, subject to section 321-228.
- (3) Provide training for basic life support personnel, and advance life support personnel, as provided in section 321-229.
- (4) Collect and evaluate data for the continued evaluation of the state system subject to section 321-230.
- (5) Coordinate emergency medical resources, and the allocation of the state system's services and facilities, in the event of mass casualties, natural disasters, national emergencies, and other emergencies, ensuring linkage to local, state, and national disaster plans, and participation in exercises to test such disaster plans.
- (6) Establish, administer, and maintain a communication system for the state [emergency medical services] system.
- (7) Assist each county in the development of a "911" emergency telephone system.
- (8) Secure technical assistance and other assistance and consultation necessary to the implementation of this part, subject to section 321-230.
- (9) Implement public information and education programs to inform the public of the state system and its use, and to disseminate such other emergency medical information, including appropriate methods of medical self-help and first-aid and the availability of first-aid training programs in the State.
- (10) Establish standards and provide training for dispatchers in the state system, and maintain a program of quality assurance for dispatch equipment and operations.
- [(10)] (11) Consult with the advisory committee on matters relating to the implementation of this part."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.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 27, 1992.)