

ACT 294

S.B. NO. 64

A Bill for an Act Relating to Crime.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 710, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**“§710- Interference with reporting an emergency or crime.** (1) A person commits the offense of interference with reporting an emergency or crime if the person intentionally or knowingly prevents a victim or witness to a criminal act from calling a 911-emergency telephone system, obtaining medical assistance, or making a report to a law enforcement officer.

(2) Interference with the reporting of an emergency or crime is a petty misdemeanor.”

SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

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SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.<sup>1</sup>

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 28, 2001.)

**Note**

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.