

ACT 12

H.B. NO. 2057

A Bill for an Act Relating to Health.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature recognizes the rich ethnic and cultural diversity of our island State. As such, there should be an opportunity to honor religious and cultural practices associated with childbirth. There must, at the same time, be due consideration for proper assurances of public health and safety.

SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“**§321- Human placenta.** Upon negative findings of infection or hazard after appropriate testing of the mother, the human placenta may be released by the hospital to the woman from whom it originated or to the woman’s designee. The department shall establish a release form which shall stipulate appropriate measures for the safe release of human placenta.”

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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 April 21, 2006.)

### **Note**

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.