

ACT 133

S.B. NO. 2456

A Bill for an Act Relating to Harassment.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 711, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§711- Harassment by impersonation. (1) A person commits the offense of harassment by impersonation if that person poses as another person, without the express authorization of that person, and makes or causes to be made, either directly or indirectly, a transmission of any personal information of the person to another by any oral statement, any written statement, or any statement conveyed by any electronic means, with the intent to harass, annoy, or alarm any person.

(2) Harassment by impersonation is a misdemeanor.

(3) For the purposes of this section:

“Personal information” means information associated with an actual person that is a name, an address, a telephone number, or an electronic mail address.

“Pose” means to falsely represent oneself, directly or indirectly, as another person or persons.”

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.

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.¹

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

(Approved June 2, 2008.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.