

ACT 4

H.B. NO. 2493

A Bill for an Act Relating to Epidemiologists.

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

SECTION 1. During the regular session of 2017, the legislature appropriated moneys to the department of health to establish an eleventh epidemiologist position. However, section 321-4.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, limits the director of health to establishing only up to ten permanent or temporary positions for epidemiologists, without regard to chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The purpose of this Act is to amend section 321-4.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to provide the director of health with greater operational flexibility.

SECTION 2. Section 321-4.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“~~[[§321-4.3]]~~ **Epidemiologists.** The department of health may establish ~~[up to ten]~~ permanent or temporary exempt positions known as epidemiologists for the purpose of investigating diseases and injuries which threaten the public health and safety. The positions shall be appointed by the director without regard to chapter 76.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.

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

(Approved April 24, 2018.)