

ACT 63

H.B. NO. 2340

A Bill for an Act Relating to Controlled Substances.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that permitting post office box and rural and highway contract route box addresses to be used as an option for prescriptions, as long as the physical location where an individual resides is on file, would provide more efficiency for pharmacists in having prescriptions reach consumers, rather than requiring consumers to take the required steps to change the post office box and rural and highway contract route box address to a physical address. The legislature further finds that making this change would promote more efficiency and effectiveness in the timely delivery of prescriptions to consumers.

The purpose of this Act is to amend the definition of “address” in the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to make post office boxes and rural and highway contract route boxes permissible for a prescription to be considered valid, on the condition that a physical address is readily accessible.

SECTION 2. Section 329-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definition of “address” to read as follows:

“Address” means, with respect to prescriptions, the physical location where an individual resides, such as:

- (1) Street address, city, and state;
- (2) Tax map key number; or
- (3) The description of a physical location.

Unless the context dictates otherwise, “address” includes a post office box; provided that the pharmacy dispensing the prescription has, on file, the physical location where an individual resides.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

(Approved June 17, 2022.)