A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A MINOR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 709-903.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by amending subsection (1) to read as follows: 3 "(1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a person commits the offense of endangering the welfare of a minor in the 4 5 first degree if, having care or custody of a minor, the person: 6 Intentionally or knowingly allows another person to (a) 7 inflict serious or substantial bodily injury on the 8 minor; or 9 (b) Intentionally or knowingly causes or permits the minor 10 to inject, ingest [methamphetamine.], or inhale any 11 controlled substance that has not been prescribed by a 12 physician for the minor." SECTION 2. Section 709-904, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 13 14 amended by amending subsection (1) to read as follows: 15 "(1) Except as provided in section 709-903.5(2), a person commits the offense of endangering the welfare of a minor in the 16 17 second degree if, having care or custody of a minor, the person:

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1	(a)	Recklessly allows another person to inflict serious or
2		substantial bodily injury on the minor; or
3	(b)	Recklessly causes or permits the minor to inject,
4		ingest [methamphetamine.], or inhale any controlled
5		substance that has not been prescribed by a physician
6		for the minor."
7	SECT	ION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
8	matured,	penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
9	begun, be	fore its effective date.
10	SECT	ION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11	and stric	ken. New statutory material is underscored.
12	SECT	ION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Endangering Welfare of a Minor

Description:

Expands the crimes of endangering the welfare of a minor in the first and second degrees to include situations in which an adult causes or permits a minor to inject, ingest, or inhale any controlled substance that was not prescribed for the minor by a physician.