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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMICIDE.

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

1       SECTION 1.   Section 706-659, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2   amended to read as follows:

3       **"§706-659   Sentence of imprisonment for class A felony.**  
4   Notwithstanding part II; sections 706-605, 706-606, 706-606.5,  
5   706-660.1, 706-661, and 706-662; and any other law to the  
6   contrary, a person who has been convicted of a class A felony,  
7   except class A felonies defined in chapter 712, part IV, or  
8   section 707-702, shall be sentenced to an indeterminate term of  
9   imprisonment of twenty years without the possibility of  
10   suspension of sentence or probation.   The minimum length of  
11   imprisonment shall be determined by the Hawaii paroling  
12   authority in accordance with section 706-669.   A person who has  
13   been convicted of a class A felony defined in chapter 712, part  
14   IV, or section 707-702, may be sentenced to an indeterminate  
15   term of imprisonment, except as provided for in section  
16   706-660.1 relating to the use of firearms in certain felony  
17   offenses and section 706-606.5 relating to repeat offenders.  
18   When ordering such a sentence, the court shall impose the



1 maximum length of imprisonment which shall be twenty years. The  
2 minimum length of imprisonment shall be determined by the Hawaii  
3 paroling authority in accordance with section 706-669."

4 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
5 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
6 begun before its effective date.

7 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Sentencing; Manslaughter

**Description:**

Exempts a person convicted of manslaughter from sentencing to an indeterminate term of imprisonment of twenty years without the possibility of suspension of sentence or probation, but allows that person to be sentenced to an indeterminate maximum and minimum term of imprisonment to be determined by the court and paroling authority respectively. Effective 07/01/50. (SD1)

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