A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VOLUNTEER MEDICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 321-2.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows: This section shall apply to all volunteer medical 3 "(a) 4 assistance personnel, including: 5 (1) Physicians; 6 (2) Psychologists; 7 (3) Nurses; 8 (4) Emergency medical technicians; 9 (5) Social workers; 10 (6) Mobile intensive care technicians; [and] 11 (7) Physician assistants [-7]; and 12 (8) Pharmacists, 13 licensed or certified in this State, or employed by a health care facility, while providing volunteer medical assistance 14 15 services." 16 SECTION 2. Section 321-23.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 17 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

1 "(a) All volunteer emergency medical disaster response 2 personnel including: 3 (1)Physicians; Psychologists; 4 (2) 5 (3) Nurses; (4)Emergency medical technicians; 6 7 (5) Social workers; 8 (6) Mobile intensive care technicians; [and] 9 (7) Physician assistants; and 10 (8) Pharmacists, licensed in the State, or employed by a health care facility, 11 **12** while engaged in the emergency response to a mass casualty event 13 or disaster condition, including participation during periods of 14 mass casualty and disaster management training, shall be deemed 15 state employees or county employees, as the case may be, and 16 shall have the powers, duties, rights, and privileges of such in 17 the performance of their duties as prescribed by or under the authority of the governor or a county." 18 19 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed 20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Volunteer Medical Assistance Services; Volunteer Emergency Medical Response Services

Description:

Adds pharmacists to the list of volunteer medical assistance and volunteer emergency medical disaster response personnel to be provided immunity from liability. (SD1)

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