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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ABUSE OF FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 709-906, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (8) to read as follows:

3 "(8) Where the physical abuse consists of intentionally or  
4 knowingly impeding the normal breathing or circulation of the  
5 blood of the family or household member by applying pressure on  
6 the throat or the neck<sup>[7]</sup> or by blocking the family or household  
7 member's nose or mouth, abuse of a family or household member is  
8 a class C felony."

9 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
10 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
11 begun before its effective date.

12 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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By Request



# H.B. NO. 702

**Report Title:**

Abuse of Family or Household Members

**Description:**

Provides that blocking a family or household member's nose or mouth to intentionally or knowingly impede normal breathing or circulation is a class C felony.

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