

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TORT LIABILITY.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 663, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
- 3 designated and to read as follows:
- 4 "§663- Exception to liability for county lifeguard
- 5 services. (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a
- 6 county lifequard, the employing county, and the State shall not
- 7 be liable for any civil damages resulting from any act or
- 8 omission of a lifeguard while the lifeguard is providing rescue,
- 9 resuscitative, or other lifeguard services on the beach or in
- 10 the ocean that are within the lifeguard's scope of employment;
- 11 provided that this exception to liability shall not apply when a
- 12 claim for civil damages results from a county lifeguard's gross
- 13 negligence or wanton act or omission.
- 14 (b) For the purpose of this section:
- "County lifequard" means a person employed as a lifeguard
- 16 by a county of this State.

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| 1 | "Employing county" means the county employing a county |
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| 2 | lifeguard." |
| 3 . | SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that |
| 4 | matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were |
| 5 | begun before its effective date. |
| 6 | SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored. |
| 7 | SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. |
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Report Title:

Maui County Package; County Lifeguards; Civil Liability; Exception

Description:

Provides that a county lifeguard, the employing county, and the State shall not be liable for any civil damages resulting from any act or omission of a lifeguard during the provision of rescue, resuscitative, or other services within the lifeguard's scope of employment. Does not provide immunity when a claim for civil damages results from a county lifeguard's gross negligence or wanton act or omission.

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