
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's visitor
2 drowning rate is thirteen times the national average and nearly
3 ten times the rate of Hawaii residents from 2003 to 2012, with
4 snorkeling by far the most common activity in which a fatal
5 accident occurs. The legislature also finds that in 2003 to
6 2012, one-hundred two visitors drowned while snorkeling compared
7 to thirteen residents.

8 The legislature further finds that it is essential to
9 provide as much information on concerns with snorkeling to
10 Hawaii's visitors and residents to address the significant
11 fatalities associated with snorkeling in Hawaiian waters.

12 The purpose of this Act is to develop and provide adequate
13 information to visitors and residents regarding the dangers of
14 snorkeling.

15 SECTION 2. Chapter 200, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
17 and to read as follows:



1 "§200- Snorkel; safety checklist. (a) No person or
2 store shall rent or sell a snorkel without attaching a warning
3 checklist on the snorkel.

4 (b) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
5 91 to effectuate this section."

6 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:
Snorkel; Safety

Description:
Rental stores shall place a warning page or card listing a safety check list for snorkels sold or rented in Hawaii. (HB929 HD1)

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