



GOV. MSG. NO. 1193

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

June 25, 2021

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 25, 2021, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1086 HD1 SD1

RELATING TO VETERINARIANS
ACT 091 (21)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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Approved by the Governor

JUN 25 2021

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2021
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 091

H.B. NO.

1086
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERINARIANS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 471, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§471- Exception to liability; emergency care;
5 veterinarian-client-patient relationship. (a) Any veterinarian
6 duly licensed under this chapter who, in good faith, without
7 remuneration or expectation of remuneration, renders emergency
8 care to a sick or injured animal at large shall not be liable to
9 the owner of that animal for any civil damages resulting from
10 the veterinarian's acts or omissions, except for damages as may
11 result from the veterinarian's gross negligence or wanton acts
12 or omissions.

13 (b) A veterinarian duly licensed under this chapter may,
14 in good faith, render necessary and prompt care and treatment to
15 an animal patient without establishing a veterinarian-client-
16 patient relationship if conditions do not allow the
17 establishment of the relationship in a timely manner. A



1 veterinarian who renders emergency treatment shall not be liable
2 to the owner of the animal for any civil damages resulting from
3 the veterinarian's acts or omissions, except for damages as may
4 result from the veterinarian's gross negligence or wanton acts
5 or omissions.

6 (c) A veterinarian acting under this section shall make an
7 appropriate record including the basis for proceeding under this
8 section.

9 §471- Reporting; duty; dogfighting; animal cruelty;
10 immunity from civil liability. (a) Whenever any veterinarian
11 duly licensed under this chapter has reasonable cause to believe
12 that an animal has been injured or killed through participation
13 in a staged animal fight, as prescribed in section 711-1109.3 or
14 711-1109.35, it shall be the duty of the veterinarian to
15 promptly report the event to the appropriate law enforcement
16 authorities of the county where the event occurred.

17 (b) Whenever any veterinarian duly licensed under this
18 chapter has reasonable cause to believe an animal under the
19 veterinarian's care has been a victim of animal cruelty, as
20 prescribed in section 711-1108.5 or 711-1109, it shall be the
21 duty of the veterinarian to promptly report the event to the



1 appropriate law enforcement authorities of the county where the
2 event occurred.

3 (c) No veterinarian duly licensed under this chapter shall
4 incur any civil liability as a result of making any report
5 pursuant to this section or as a result of making any report of
6 a violation of section 711-1108.5, 711-1109, 711-1109.3, or
7 711-1109.35."

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

11 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

APPROVED this 25 day of JUN , 2021



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 1086, HD 1, SD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 22, 2021
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives

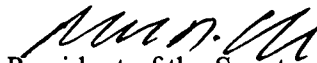



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: April 13, 2021
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2021.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate