
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE POWER OF ARREST.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 201, Session
2 Laws of Hawaii 1980, codified as section 803-16, Hawaii Revised
3 Statutes, conferred upon officers of the United States Customs
4 Service and the Immigration and Naturalization Service the power
5 to arrest under state law. Act 201 helped to provide additional
6 protection at state airports and harbors by authorizing customs
7 and immigration officers to assist in maintaining law and order.
8 These officers were often able to observe suspicious activities
9 but were not authorized to take action pursuant to state law
10 prior to the enactment of Act 201.

11 In 2003, the Department of Homeland Security was created.
12 Twenty-three agencies were established under this department,
13 including United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement,
14 United States Customs and Border Protection, and United States
15 Citizenship and Immigration Services. These agencies include
16 the law enforcement arms of the agencies formerly known as the



1 United States Customs Service and the Immigration and
2 Naturalization Service.

3 Currently, United States Immigration and Customs
4 Enforcement-Homeland Security Investigations (Homeland Security
5 Investigations), the criminal investigations component of United
6 States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, is the principal
7 investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security.
8 Homeland Security Investigations is responsible for
9 investigating transnational crime and threats, specifically
10 those criminal organizations that exploit the global
11 infrastructure through which international trade, travel, and
12 finance operate. The legislature notes that Homeland Security
13 Investigations has the second largest number of federal law
14 enforcement officers in the State, and its special agents and
15 criminal analysts provide, on a daily basis, operational and
16 investigative support to law enforcement entities across the
17 State.

18 Act 95, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, amended section
19 803-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to address the creation of new
20 federal agencies. Act 95 also established section 803-17,
21 Hawaii Revised Statutes, which grants arrest powers to deputies



1 of the United States Marshal Service. While Act 95 granted
2 authority to deputy marshals, and amended section 803-16, Hawaii
3 Revised Statutes, to reference United States Customs and Border
4 Protection and United States Citizenship and Immigration
5 Services, the Act did not include Homeland Security
6 Investigations. Furthermore, by including officers of the
7 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Act 95
8 granted arrest powers to an agency that does not have the
9 authority to make arrests under federal law. In contrast,
10 United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Homeland
11 Security Investigations special agents and United States Customs
12 and Border Protection officers do have this authority.

13 The legislature further finds that the grant of limited
14 arrest powers, under state law, to agents of United States
15 Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Homeland Security
16 Investigations would promote enhanced collaboration with state
17 law enforcement counterparts to protect national security,
18 prevent crimes of exploitation, combat financial crimes,
19 investigate cybercrime and other threats, and ensure public
20 safety. The legislature recognizes that state and county law
21 enforcement agencies often rely on federal law enforcement



1 agencies for cooperation and support in responding to natural
2 disasters, participating in joint law enforcement task forces,
3 and addressing major or national events.

4 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

- 5 (1) Update the list of federal agencies whose law
6 enforcement officers may make arrests for certain
7 offenses under state law by adding United States
8 Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Homeland Security
9 Investigations and deleting United States Citizenship
10 and Immigration Services from the list; and
- 11 (2) Update references to the titles of the heads of the
12 district offices for the listed federal agencies and
13 the names of these agencies, including United States
14 Customs and Border Protection.

15 SECTION 2. Section 803-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 "~~§803-16 [Officer of]~~ Law enforcement officers of the
18 United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Homeland
19 Security Investigations or United States Customs and Border
20 Protection [~~Service or Citizenship and Immigration Services~~];
21 arrest powers. [~~An~~] A law enforcement officer of the United



1 States Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Homeland Security
2 Investigations or United States Customs and Border Protection
3 ~~[Service or the Citizenship and Immigration Services]~~, without a
4 warrant, may arrest a person if:

5 (1) The officer is on duty;

6 (2) One or more of the following situations exists:

7 (A) The person commits an assault or other crime
8 involving physical harm, defined and punishable
9 under chapter 707, against the officer or against
10 any other person in the presence of the officer;

11 (B) The person commits an offense against public
12 order, defined and punishable under chapter 711,
13 in the presence of the officer;

14 (C) The officer has probable cause to believe that a
15 crime as provided in subparagraph (A) or (B) has
16 been committed and has probable cause to believe
17 that the person to be arrested has committed the
18 crime;

19 (D) The officer has probable cause to believe that a
20 felony has been committed and probable cause to



1 believe that the person to be arrested has
2 committed the felony; or

3 (E) The officer has received information by written,
4 telegraphic, teletypic, telephonic, radio, or
5 other authoritative source that a law enforcement
6 officer holds a warrant for the person's arrest;
7 and

8 (3) The [~~Director of the Hawaii district office for the~~
9 special agent in charge, United States Immigration and
10 Customs Enforcement-Homeland Security Investigations
11 Honolulu, or the port director of the area port of
12 Honolulu of the United States Customs and Border
13 Protection [~~Service, or the Citizenship and~~
14 ~~Immigration Services~~], as the case may be, certifies
15 to the State that the officer has received proper
16 training within the agency to enable that officer to
17 [~~enforce or administer~~] make arrests as provided in
18 this section."

19 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

Power of Arrest; Federal Agencies; Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Homeland Security Investigations; Customs and Border Protection

Description:

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