
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that permitting post
2 office box and rural and highway contract route box addresses to
3 be used as an option for prescriptions, as long as the physical
4 location where an individual resides is on file, would provide
5 more efficiency for pharmacists in having prescriptions reach
6 consumers, rather than requiring consumers to take the required
7 steps to change the post office box and rural and highway
8 contract route box address to a physical address. The
9 legislature further finds that making this change would promote
10 more efficiency and effectiveness in the timely delivery of
11 prescriptions to consumers.

12 The purpose of this Act is to amend the definition of
13 "address" in the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, chapter 329,
14 Hawaii Revised Statutes, to make post office boxes and rural and
15 highway contract route boxes permissible for a prescription to
16 be considered valid, on the condition that a physical address is
17 readily accessible.



1 SECTION 2. Section 329-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "address" to read as
3 follows:

4 "Address" means, with respect to prescriptions, the
5 physical location where an individual resides, such as:

- 6 (1) Street address, city, and state;
- 7 (2) Tax map key number; or
- 8 (3) The description of a physical location.

9 Unless the context dictates otherwise, "address" includes a post
10 office box; provided that the pharmacy dispensing the
11 prescription has, on file, the physical location where an
12 individual resides."

13 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.



Report Title:

Uniform Controlled Substances Act; Pharmacies; Prescriptions;
Address; Post Office Boxes

Description:

Allows post office boxes and rural and highway contract route boxes to be permissible for a prescription to be considered valid, only if a physical address where an individual resides is on file with the dispensing pharmacy. Effective 7/1/2022.
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