
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY WORKERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 707-700, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "emergency worker" to read
3 as follows:

4 "Emergency worker" means any:

- 5 (1) Law enforcement officer, including any police officer,
6 employee of the department of law enforcement
7 conferred with police powers by the director of law
8 enforcement, parole or probation officer, or any other
9 officer of any county, state, federal, or military
10 agency authorized to exercise law enforcement or
11 police powers;
- 12 (2) Firefighter, emergency medical services personnel,
13 emergency medical technician, ambulance crewmember, or
14 any other emergency response personnel;
- 15 (3) Member of the Hawaii National Guard on any duty or
16 service done under or in pursuance of an order or call



1 of the governor or the President of the United States
2 or any proper authority;

3 (4) Member of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy,
4 Marine Corps, or Coast Guard on any duty or service
5 performed under or in pursuance of an order or call of
6 the President of the United States or any proper
7 authority;

8 (5) Member of the National Guard from any other state
9 ordered into service by any proper authority; [~~or~~]

10 (6) Person engaged in emergency management functions as
11 authorized by the director of Hawaii emergency
12 management or the administrator or director of the
13 county emergency management agency or as otherwise
14 authorized under chapter 127A[-]; or

15 (7) Telecommunications dispatcher, including any
16 call-taker, police, fire, or emergency medical
17 dispatcher, or any combination thereof; emergency
18 dispatcher; or any other telecommunications dispatch
19 personnel who, while operating a 911 automated
20 terminal, utilizes multiple robust lifesaving
21 procedures and technologies to obtain critical



1 information from the caller, analyzes the information
2 given and, from specialized mapping systems, sends the
3 appropriate and closest available emergency unit and
4 communicates the best course of action for the caller
5 to take prior to the arrival of the field first
6 responder."

7 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2024.



Report Title:

Emergency Workers; Communications Dispatchers; Penal Code;
Offenses Against the Person

Description:

Amends the definition of "emergency worker" in the Penal Code to include communications dispatchers. Takes effect 1/1/2024.
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