
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREWORKS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that fireworks-related
2 offenses occur all too often within the State, and often cause
3 devastating physical harm to residents. The legislature
4 particularly notes the recent mass casualty incident in Aliamanu
5 on December 31, 2024, in which fireworks killed at least four
6 people and injured dozens more. The legislature believes that
7 the State must take action to deter the illegal use of
8 fireworks.

9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish the
10 class A felony-level offense of serious bodily injury or death
11 resulting from fireworks.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 132D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
14 and to read as follows:

15 "§132D- **Serious bodily injury or death resulting from**
16 **fireworks.** (a) Any person who causes serious bodily injury to
17 another, or causes the death of another, as a result of the



1 person's actions as described in section 132D-14(a)(2), shall be
2 guilty of a class A felony.

3 (b) This section shall not be construed to preclude the
4 imposition of any other penalty imposed by this chapter."

5 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
6 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
7 begun before its effective date.

8 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Fireworks; Offense; Penalties; Felonies

Description:

Establishes the Class A felony-level offense of serious bodily injury or death resulting from fireworks.

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