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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO FIREARMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known and may be cited as  
2 "Officer O's Crime Bill" in memory of Officer Suzanne O.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 706, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
5 and to read as follows:

6 **"S706- Sentence of imprisonment for firearm offenses.**

7 (1) Notwithstanding section 706-669 and any other law to the  
8 contrary, any person convicted of any of the following class A  
9 felonies:

10 (a) Section 134-7 relating to persons prohibited from  
11 owning, possessing, or controlling firearms or  
12 ammunition; or

13 (b) Section 134-9.4 relating to unlawful conduct while  
14 carrying a firearm;

15 shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum period of imprisonment  
16 without possibility of parole during that period, the length of  
17 which shall be twenty years."



1 SECTION 3. Section 134-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended as follows:

3 1. By amending subsection (f) to read:

4 "(f) No person who has been restrained pursuant to an  
5 order of any court, including a gun violence protective order  
6 issued pursuant to part IV, from contacting, threatening, or  
7 physically abusing any person, shall possess, control, or  
8 transfer ownership of any firearm or ammunition, so long as the  
9 protective order, restraining order, or any extension is in  
10 effect. The protective order or restraining order shall  
11 specifically include a statement that possession, control, or  
12 transfer of ownership of a firearm or ammunition by the person  
13 named in the order is prohibited. The person named in the order  
14 shall relinquish possession and control of any firearm and  
15 ammunition owned by that person to the police department of the  
16 appropriate county for safekeeping for the duration of the order  
17 or extension thereof. At the time of service of a protective  
18 order or restraining order involving firearms and ammunition  
19 issued by any court, a police officer may take custody of any  
20 and all firearms and ammunition in plain sight, those discovered  
21 pursuant to a consensual search, and those firearms surrendered



1 by the person restrained. If the person restrained is the  
2 registered owner of a firearm and knows the location of the  
3 firearm, but refuses to surrender the firearm or disclose the  
4 location of the firearm, the person restrained shall be guilty  
5 of a misdemeanor. In any case, when a police officer is unable  
6 to locate the firearms and ammunition either registered under  
7 this chapter or known to the person granted protection by the  
8 court, the police officer shall apply to the court for a search  
9 warrant pursuant to chapter 803 for the limited purpose of  
10 seizing the firearm and ammunition."

11 2. By amending subsection (j) to read:

12 "(j) Any person violating [subsection]:  
13 (1) Subsection (f) shall be guilty of a class A felony;  
14 (2) Subsection (a) or (b) shall be guilty of a class C  
15 felony; provided that any felon violating subsection  
16 (b) shall be guilty of a class [B] A felony [and if  
17 said prior felony conviction is that of a crime of  
18 violence, as defined in section 134-1, the defendant  
19 shall be sentenced to an indeterminate term of  
20 imprisonment as provided by law.]; and



4 SECTION 4. Section 134-9.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6        "[+]S134-9.4[+]    Unlawful conduct while carrying a firearm;

7 **penalty.** (a) A person carrying a firearm shall not:

8 (1) Consume alcohol or intoxicating liquor;

9 (2) Consume a controlled substance;

**10** (3) Be under the influence of alcohol or intoxicating

**11** liquor; [ər]

**12** (4) Be under the influence of a controlled substance [✓];

13 or

**14** (5) Knowingly possess methamphetamine in any amount.

**15** (b) As used in this section:

**16** "Alcohol" and "intoxicating liquor" shall have the same

17 meaning as in section 281-1.

**18** "Controlled substance" means a drug, substance, or

19 immediate precursor in schedules I through III of part II of  
20 chapter 329.



1 (c) Any person who violates this section shall be guilty  
2 of a misdemeanor; provided that any person who violates this  
3 section by [consumes]:

4           (1) Being under the influence of a controlled substance  
5           shall be guilty of a class A felony;

11 SECTION 5. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
12 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
13 begun before its effective date.

14 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored

16 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Firearms; Mandatory Minimum Term of Imprisonment; Class A Felony; Possession; Controlled Substance; Methamphetamine; TRO; Temporary Restraining Order; Protective Order; Court Order

**Description:**

Establishes mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment for certain class A felonies involving firearms. Changes from a class B felony to a class A felony the penalty for owning, possessing, or controlling any firearm or ammunition while being prosecuted for or having been convicted of committing a felony, a crime of violence, a criminal offense relating to firearms, or an illegal sale or distribution of any drug. Changes from a misdemeanor to a class A felony the penalty for ownership, possession, control, or transfer of ownership of any firearms or ammunition by a person who a court order has restrained from contacting, threatening, or physically abusing any person. Changes from a misdemeanor to a class A felony the penalty for carrying a firearm while under the influence of a controlled substance. Establishes possession of methamphetamine while carrying a firearm as a class A felony.

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