

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Hawaii Penal Code.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 707-724, Hawaii Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 707-724 Criminal Coercion. (1) A person commits the offense of criminal coercion if he intentionally compels or induces another person to engage in conduct from which he has a legal right to abstain or to abstain from conduct in which he has a legal right to engage, by means of instilling in him a fear that, if the demand is not complied with, the defendant or a third person will:

- (a) cause bodily injury to any person; or
 - (b) cause damage to property; or
 - (c) commit a penal offense; or
 - (d) accuse any person of an offense or cause a penal charge to be instituted against any person; or
 - (e) expose a secret or publicize an asserted fact, whether true or false, tending to subject any person to hatred, contempt, or ridicule, or to impair his credit or business repute; or
 - (f) reveal any information sought to be concealed by the other person; or
 - (g) testify or provide information or withhold testimony or information with respect to any person’s legal claim or defense; or
 - (h) take or withhold action as a public servant or cause a public servant to take or withhold such action; or
 - (i) bring about or continue a strike, boycott, or other similar collective action, to obtain an act or omission which is not demanded for the benefit of the group which the defendant purports to represent.
- (2) Criminal coercion is a class C felony under the above conditions.
- (3) Criminal coercion is a class A felony when firearms or explosives or any dangerous weapon are used to instill fear under this section.”

SECTION 2. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes may exclude the underscoring.*

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 10, 1974.)

*Edited accordingly.