

ACT 47

S.B. NO. 1798-76

A Bill for an Act Relating to the State Tort Liability Act.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 662, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

“Sec. 662- Defense of State employees. The attorney general may defend any civil action or proceeding brought in any court against any employee of the State for damage to property or for personal injury, including death, resulting from the act or omission of any State employee while acting within the scope of his employment. The employee against whom such civil action or proceeding is brought shall deliver within such time after date of service or knowledge of service as determined by the attorney-general, all process or complaint served upon him or an attested true copy thereof to his immediate superior or to whomever was designated by the head of his department to receive such papers and such person shall promptly furnish copies of the pleadings and process therein to the department of the attorney general.

No judgment by default shall be entered against a State employee based on a cause of action arising out of an act or omission of such employee while acting within the scope of his employment unless the department of the attorney general has received a copy of the complaint or other relevant pleadings and a period of twenty days has elapsed from the date of such receipt.”

SECTION 2. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.*

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

(Approved May 5, 1976.)

*Edited accordingly.