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S.B. NO. 761

A Bill for an Act Relating to Serial Numbers and Identification Marks on Merchandise.

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

SECTION 1. Section 708-383, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 708-838 Removal of identification marks. A person commits the offense of removal of identification marks if (1) he defaces, erases, or otherwise alters any serial number or identification mark placed or inscribed by the manufacturer, or (2) he knowingly, to conceal the true ownership of the property of another, defaces, erases, or otherwise alters any serial number or identification mark placed or inscribed on any bicycle, movable or immovable construction tool or equipment, appliance, merchandise, or other article for the purpose of identifying the bicycle, movable or immovable tool or equipment, appliance, merchandise or other article or its component parts, with a value of more than \$50. A person removes identification marks if he attempts to or succeeds in erasing, defacing, altering, or removing a serial number or identification mark or part thereof, on the property of another.

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Removal of identification marks is a misdemeanor.”

SECTION 2. Section 708-839, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“**Sec. 708-839 Unlawful possession.** It shall be unlawful for any person to possess any bicycle, movable construction tool or equipment, appliance, merchandise, or other article, or any part thereof (1) where the serial number or identification mark placed on the same by the manufacturer for the purpose of identification, or (2) knowing the serial number or identification mark placed on the same for the purpose of identification, has been erased, altered, changed or removed for the purpose of changing the identity of the foregoing items.

Unlawful possession is a misdemeanor.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.*

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 5, 1977.)

*Edited accordingly.