

ACT 117

H.B. NO.923

A Bill for an Act Relating to Offenses Against Property Rights.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 312, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“Sec. 312- Wilful detention of books and other library materials; penalty. A person who wilfully and knowingly detains a book, newspaper, plate, picture, photograph, engraving, painting, drawing, map, magazine, document, letter, public record, microform, sound recording, audio visual materials in any format, magnetic or other tapes, artifacts, or other documentary (written or printed) materials belonging to any library or similar institution controlled by the State of Hawaii for seven (7) days after the mailing date of a written notice forwarded to his last known address, from the librarian or designated representative, that such books or library materials are to be returned to the library or institution, shall be subject to a nominal charge established by the department of education.

A person detaining such books or library materials thirty (30) days after the mailing of the written notice shall be subject to a charge commensurate with the replacement value of the books or library materials.”

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.*

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

(Approved May 25, 1979.)

*The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.