

A Bill for an Act Relating to Aquarium Fish Permits.

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

SECTION 1. Section 188-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“Sec. 188-31 Nets and traps for aquarium purposes. The board of land and natural resources or agents designated by the board may, upon receipt of a written application, issue a permit to use fine meshed traps or fine meshed nets, other than throw nets, for the taking of marine or fresh water nongame fish for aquarium purposes. The permits shall be issued only to persons who can satisfy the board or its agents that they possess facilities to and can maintain fish alive and in reasonable health. The board may cancel any aquarium fish permit for any infraction of the terms of the permit when such fact is made evident to the satisfaction of the board; provided that no new aquarium fish permit shall be issued to any such permittee for a period of two years after the cancellation of his permit.

It shall be illegal to sell or offer for sale any fish taken under authority of an aquarium fish permit unless the fish is sold alive for aquarium purposes.

For the purposes of this section “aquarium purposes” means to hold salt water fish, fresh water nongame fish, or other aquatic life alive in a state of captivity as pets, for scientific study, or for public exhibition or display, or for sale for these purposes; “aquarium fish permit” means a permit issued by the board for the use of fine mesh nets and traps to take salt water fish, fresh water nongame fish, or other aquatic life for aquarium purposes.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.*

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

(Approved June 1, 1979.)

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