

ACT 265

H. B. NO. 2172-80

A Bill for an Act Relating to Plant and Nondomestic Animal Quarantine.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature is concerned about recent increased incidences of live snakes being found within the State. To prevent the presence of snakes in this State from becoming a problem, the legislature proposes amendments which will increase the penalty and term of imprisonment for importing live snakes and which will require affirmative steps to be taken to place persons coming into this State on

notice of the statutory prohibitions concerning importation of certain plants and animals and of the penalties for violation thereof.

SECTION 2. Section 150A-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“Sec. 150A-5 Conditions of importation. The importation of any of the following articles, viz., nursery-stock, tree, shrub, herb, vine, cut-flower, cutting, graft, scion, bud, seed, leaf, root, or rhizome; nut, fruit, or vegetable; grain, cereal, or legume in the natural or raw state; moss, hay, straw, dry-grass, or other forage; unmanufactured log, limb, or timber, or any other plant-growth or plant-product, unprocessed or in the raw state; soil, live bird, reptile, bacteria, fungus, nematode, virus, insect or other animal in any stage of development (that is in addition to the so-called domestic animal, the quarantine of which is provided for in other sections); box, vehicle, baggage, barrel, or crate or other container in which such articles have been transported or contained or any packing material used in connection therewith, into the State, shall be made and conducted in the manner and subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth:

- (1) Notification of arrival. Any person, who receives for transport, brings or causes to be brought to the State, as freight, air freight, baggage, or otherwise, for the purpose of debarkation or entry therein, or as ship's stores, any of the articles enumerated, shall, immediately upon the arrival thereof, notify the department, in writing, of the arrival, giving the waybill number, container number, name and address of the consignor, name and address of the consignee or his responsible agent in the State, marks, number of packages, description of contents of each package, port at which laden, and any other information that may be necessary to locate or identify the same, and shall hold such articles on the dock, pier, wharf, airport, air terminal, or other places, where they are first received or discharged, in such a manner that they will not spread or be likely to spread any infestation or infection of insects or diseases that may be present until inspection and examination can be made by the inspector, to determine whether or not any article, or any portion thereof, is infested, infected with or contains any pest. In addition, by rules and regulations, the department shall designate restricted articles that shall require a permit to be obtained from the department in advance of importation. The restricted articles shall include, but not be limited to, fungi, bacteria, virus, or living insects. Failure to obtain such permits in advance shall result in the articles being refused entry, or confiscated or destroyed. Any expense or loss in connection therewith shall be borne by the owner or his responsible agent in the State.
- (2) Individual passengers, officers and crew.
 - (A) It shall be the responsibility of the transportation company to distribute the State of Hawaii plant and animal declaration forms to each passenger, officer and crew member of any aircraft or vessel originating from the United States or its possession, or from any other areas not under the jurisdiction of the appropriate federal agency prior to arrival in order that the passenger, officer and crew member can comply with the directions and requirement appearing thereon. Any adult, guardian of minor or transiting passenger, officer and crew

member bringing or causing to be brought for entry into the State the items listed on the form shall complete the declaration. Any person who defaces the declaration form required under this section, gives false information, or fails to declare restricted materials in his possession or luggage or fails to declare in cargo manifests shall be in violation of this section.

- (B) Such completed forms shall be collected by the transportation company and be delivered, immediately upon arrival, to the inspector at the first airport or seaport of arrival.
- (3) Plant and animal declaration form. Such forms will include directions for declaring domestic and other animals cited in chapter 142, in addition to the articles enumerated in this chapter.
- (4) Labels. Each and every case, box, package, crate, bale, or bundle containing any of the articles above enumerated, imported into the State, shall have plainly and legibly marked thereon, in a conspicuous manner and place, the name and address of the shipper or owner forwarding or shipping the same, the name or mark of the person to whom the same is forwarded or shipped or his responsible agent, the name of the country, state, or territory and locality therein where the product was grown or produced and a statement of the contents of the package. Upon failure to comply with this paragraph the importer or carrier shall be liable to suffer the penalty for the violation of this section.
- (5) Authority to inspect. Whenever he has good cause to believe that the provisions of this chapter are being violated, the inspector may:
 - (A) Enter any aircraft, ship, vessel, or other carrier, at any time after its arrival within the boundaries of the State, whether offport, offshore, at the dock, pier, wharf, airport or air terminal.
 - (B) Enter into or upon any dock, pier, or wharf, warehouse or depot, airport or air terminal or any other place in the State, where any of the above-mentioned articles are moved or stored, for the purpose of ascertaining, by inspection and examination, whether or not any of the items listed in this section is infested or infected with any pest or contaminated with soil.
 - (C) Inspect any baggage and personal effects of disembarking passengers, officers and members of crews on aircraft, ships, vessels, or other surface craft arriving into the State to ascertain if they contain any of the articles or pests enumerated in this chapter.

Such baggage inspection shall be made at the discretion of the inspector, on the dock or on the ship, vessel, other surface craft or aircraft or in any quarantine or inspection area. No baggage or other personal effects of the passengers or crew members shall be released until said effects have been passed.

Whenever he has good cause to believe that the provisions of this chapter are being violated, the inspector may require that any box, bale, crate, bundle, package, truck, bag, suitcase, or other container carried as ship's stores, cargo or otherwise, by any ship, vessel, other surface craft or aircraft, moving between the continental United States

and Hawaii, or between the Hawaiian Islands be opened for inspection to determine whether any article or pest prohibited by this chapter or by regulations promulgated pursuant thereto is present. If any prohibited article or any pest or any plant, fruit or vegetable infested with plant pests is found, the department may order the return of the article to the place of origin or otherwise dispose of it or such part thereof as necessary to comply with this chapter.

Any expense or loss in connection therewith shall be borne by the owner or his responsible agent in the State.

- (6) Request for importation and inspection. In addition to requirements of the United States customs authorities concerning invoices or other formalities incident to importations into the State, the importer shall be required to file a written statement with the department, signed by himself or his responsible agent in the State, setting forth his desire to import certain of the articles above enumerated, into the State, and giving the following additional information: the kind (scientific name), quantity, and description of same; the locality where same were grown or produced; the certification that all animals to be imported are the progeny of captive populations or have been held in captivity for a period of one year immediately prior to importation or have been specifically approved for importation by the board; the port from which the same were last shipped; the name of the shipper; and the name of the consignee thereof. The statement shall also contain:
- (A) A request that the department, by its duly authorized agent, examine the articles described;
 - (B) An agreement by the importer to be responsible for all costs, charges, or expenses; and
 - (C) A waiver of all claims for damages incident to the inspection or the fumigation, disinfection, quarantine, or destruction of the articles, or any of them, as hereinafter provided for, if any treatment is adjudged necessary.

Failure or refusal to file a statement, including the agreement and waiver, shall be held to be a violation of this section and may, in the discretion of the department, give sufficient cause for refusing to permit the entry of the articles into the State.

- (7) Place of inspection. If, in the judgment of the inspector, it is deemed necessary or advisable to move any of the articles above enumerated or any portion thereof, to a place more suitable for inspection than the dock, pier, wharf, airport, air terminal, depot or other place where they are first received or discharged, authority therefore is granted, and all costs and expenses incident to the movement and transportation of the articles to such place shall be borne by the importer or his responsible agent in the State owning or having charge thereof.
- (8) Disinfection or quarantine. If upon inspection, any article so received or brought to the State for the purpose of debarkation or entry therein is found to be infested or infected, or there is reasonable cause to presume that it is infested or infected and the infestation or infection can, in the judgement of

the inspector, be eradicated, a treatment shall be given such article. The treatment shall be at the expense of the owner or his agent, and the treatment shall be as prescribed by the department. The article shall be held in quarantine at the expense of the owner or his responsible agent, at a satisfactory place approved by the department, for a sufficient length of time to determine that eradication has been accomplished. If the infestation or infection is of such nature or extent that it cannot be effectively and completely eradicated in the manner described above, or if it is a potentially destructive pest, or not widespread in the State, or after treatment it is determined that the infestation or infection is not completely eradicated, the article, or any portion thereof, together with all packing and containers, may, at the discretion of the inspector be destroyed or sent out of the State at the expense of the owner or his responsible agent in the State. Such destruction or exclusion shall not be made the basis of a claim against the department or the inspector for damage or loss incurred.

- (9) Disposition. At the time of arrival, or at any time thereafter, should any article be held for inspection, treatment or quarantine, the inspector shall upon completion of inspection, affix to the article or the container or to the delivery order in a conspicuous place thereon, a tag, label, or stamp to indicate the article has been inspected and passed. This action shall in effect be a permit to bring the article into the State.
- (10) What constitutes importation. The landing of any of the articles for the purpose of inspection or quarantine is not, nor shall it be construed to be, an importation in the sense of giving to the articles so landed any status, or the owner thereof any right or privilege, incident to articles which have actually been imported into the State; but in legal effect the articles so landed for the purpose of inspection shall be construed to be still without the State seeking entry thereinto, and shall not, in whole or in part, be considered suitable for importation into the State unless a tag, label, or stamp has been affixed thereon by the inspector as provided in section 150A-5(9).
- (11) Exceptions to right to import. Nothing in this chapter contained shall permit the importation of any animal or article, from any particular place, if the same, or any of them, has, by special rule or regulation of the department been prohibited.
- (12) Ports of entry. None of the articles enumerated in this section shall be allowed entry into the State except through the air and sea ports in the State designated and approved by the board.
- (13) Enforcement; citation and summons; penalty. Any officer or employee of the department, authorized and designated by the board to enforce the provisions of this chapter, and all rules and regulation promulgated and adopted by the department pursuant thereto, may issue a citation to any person for violation of any provision of this chapter or of any rule or regulation promulgated and adopted pursuant thereto, and issue to him a summons summoning him to appear at a certain place at a time within seven days of such citation, to answer the charges against him.
 - (A) Form of citation and summons. There shall be printed a form of

citation and summons for use in citing violators of this chapter and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. The form and contents of such citation and summons shall be as adopted or prescribed by the district courts.

In every case when a citation and summons are issued the original of the same shall be given to the accused; provided that, the district courts may prescribe the issuance to the accused of a carbon copy of the citation and summons and provide for the disposition of the original and any other copies. Every citation and summons shall be consecutively numbered and each carbon copy shall be consecutively numbered and each carbon copy shall bear the number of its respective original.

- (B) Administration of oath. When a complaint is made to any prosecuting officer of the violation of the provisions of this chapter or the rules and regulations promulgated and adopted pursuant thereto, the officer or employee who issued the citation and summons shall subscribe to the complaint under oath.
- (C) Penalty. Any person who violates [any section of this chapter shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.] the provisions of section 150A-6(3) or any person who owns or intentionally transports or harbors any snake or other prohibited animal seized under section 150A-7(b) shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both; provided that a person who voluntarily surrenders any prohibited snake or other prohibited animal prior to the initiation of seizure action by the department shall not be subject to this penalty. Any person who violates any other provision of this chapter shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.

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

(Approved June 13, 1980.)