

## ACT 119

H.B. NO. 785

A Bill for an Act Relating to Public Assistance.

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

SECTION 1. Section 346-71, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read:

“(a) The department of social services and housing shall administer and provide public assistance to eligible persons who are disabled, or are at least fifty-five years of age, or have dependent children in the home not otherwise provided for under this chapter, and who are unable to provide sufficient support for themselves or those dependent upon them; provided that such persons are bona fide residents of this State. In family groups in which there are children, income and resources of both parents, natural or adoptive, shall be considered available for each other and the support of their children.

For purposes of determining whether persons seeking assistance are bona fide residents of this State, the department of social services and housing shall consider, but is not limited to considering, the following factors: enrollment and receipt of welfare benefits from another jurisdiction; physical presence in the State; maintenance of a place of residence in the State; the availability of furnishings and household and personal effects sufficient to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the place of residence is more than a public accommodation; qualification as to residence for purposes of voting in the State; change in vehicle operation license; vehicle registration; enrollment of children in local schools; bank accounts in this State or any other jurisdiction.”

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.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

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

(Approved June 8, 1981.)

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