

A Bill for an Act Relating to te Determination of Death.

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

SECTION 1. Section 327C-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a person shall be considered dead if, in the announced opinion of a physician licensed under part I of chapter 453 or chapter 460, or excepted from licensure by section 453-2(3), based on ordinary standards of current medical practice, the person has experienced irreversible cessation of spontaneous respiratory and circulatory functions[.], or irreversible cessation of all functions of the entire brain, including the brain stem. Death will have occurred at the time when the irreversible cessation of the functions first coincided.”

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.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, 1983.)