H.B. NO. 237

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Control of Tuberculosis.

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

SECTION 1. Section 325-71, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

"§325-71 Reports by physicians and others. Every physician shall report in writing the name, age, sex, nationality, occupation, place where last employed, if known, and address of every person known by the physician to have tuberculosis, to the department of health or its nearest agent, within twenty-four hours after the fact comes to the knowledge of the physician[.], and shall, upon request, provide to the department x-ray films and medical information from the record of any person suspected by the department to have tuberculosis. The superintendent in charge of any hospital, dispensary, asylum, or other similar private or public institution shall report in like manner the name, age, sex, nationality, occupation, place where last employed, if known, and previous address of every patient having tuberculosis who comes into his care or under his observation, within twenty-four hours thereafter[.], and shall, upon request provide to the department x-ray films and medical information from the record of any person suspected by the department to have tuberculosis. Every laboratory identifying mycobacterium tuberculosis from the sputum, body fluids or tissues of any person, living or dead, shall submit a report of such examination in writing to the department of health."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.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

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. (Approved May 20, 1983.)