

A Bill for an Act Relating to Torts.

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to reflect the holding of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii in Nobriga v. Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., 67 Haw. 157 (1984), as it pertains to section 663-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Multiple releases of joint tortfeasors shall be treated as a single

release for purposes of the reduction of a judgment against remaining joint tortfeasors.

SECTION 2. Section 663-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§663-14 Release; effect on injured person’s claim. A release by the injured person of joint tortfeasors or one joint tortfeasor, whether before or after judgment, [does] shall not discharge the other tortfeasors unless the releases or release so [provides;] provide; but reduces the claim against the other tortfeasors in the amount of the consideration paid for the releases or release, or in any amount or proportion by which the releases or release [provides] provide that the total claim shall be reduced, if greater than the consideration paid.”

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.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

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

(Approved May 29, 1987.)