ACT 271

A Bill for an Act Relating to Firearms, Ammunition, and Dangerous Weapons. Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to include among those considered to be "fugitives from justice" for purposes of laws regulating firearms, ammunition, and dangerous weapons, persons who have fled from a foreign country and are avoiding lawful extradition back to that country. Broadening the definition in this way effectively prohibits such persons from owning or possessing firearms and ammunition therefor.

SECTION 2. Section 134-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definition of "fugitive from justice" to read as follows:

"" "Fugitive from justice" means any person <u>1</u>) who has fled from any state, territory, the District of Columbia, or possession of the United States, to avoid prosecution for a felony or to avoid giving testimony in any criminal proceeding or 2) who has fled from any country other than the United States and is avoiding lawful extradition back to that country."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.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 June 13, 1988.)