

ACT 143

H.B. NO. 2901

A Bill for an Act Relating to Preventive Medicine.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding to part II a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§321- **Epidemiological specialists.** Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, epidemiological specialists may perform blood collection by venipuncture or capillary puncture and other methods of specimen collection, excluding catheterization, when employed by or acting as an agent of the department and when done under the direct or indirect supervision of a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 453 or chapter 460.”

SECTION 2. Section 321-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§321-31 **Functions of the department.** The powers, duties, and functions of the department of health relating to preventive medicine shall be as follows:

- (1) To supervise and coordinate activities in the fields of preventive medicine, including cancer control, crippled children, epidemiology, geriatrics, laboratories, maternal and child health, mental hygiene, nutrition, [tuberculosis,] and [venereal] communicable diseases;
- (2) To formulate and put into effect throughout the State [an] educational [program] programs for the purposes of preventing and reducing disease and [alleviating old age;] disability;
- (3) To engage in the collection and analysis of statistical information pertinent to any of its activities;
- (4) To cooperate with and propose methods and programs to other governmental agencies relating to the fields of preventive medicine;
- (5) To serve as the coordinating agency for programs which provide for a range of child abuse and neglect prevention services in relation to assessed needs, regardless of whether the programs are conducted by the department, other government agencies, or private organizations and to coordinate the prevention programs with child abuse and neglect treatment services; provided that this paragraph shall not be interpreted to compel a specified level of services; and
- (6) To perform such other appropriate functions as may be required.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.¹

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

(Approved June 15, 1990.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.