A Bill for an Act Relating to Contractors.

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

SECTION 1. Section 444-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§444-23 Violation; penalties. (a) Any licensee who contracts outside the appropriate scope of classification licensed under or who violates section 444-9.3 or 444-17(18) shall be fined \$500 for the first offense, \$1,000 for the second offense, and not less than \$1,500 or more than \$2,000 for any subsequent offense.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (a), any person who violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter shall be fined not less than \$100 and not more than \$5,000 for each violation[.]; provided that persons who violate section 444-9 shall be fined \$500 or forty per cent of the total contract price, whichever is greater, for the first offense; \$1,000 or forty per cent of the total contract price, whichever is greater, for the second offense; and \$5,000 or forty per cent of the total contract price, whichever is greater, for any subsequent offense."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.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

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1991.

(Approved June 25, 1990.)