

## ACT 69

H.B. NO. 3282

A Bill for an Act Relating to Coral.

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

SECTION 1. It is the legislature's intent to further protect Hawaii's coral resources by prohibiting the sale of stony corals taken alive, or dead, but intact, not broken, and sold as souvenirs. Stony corals are not used in the manufacture of jewelry, which is made from precious corals, such as black and pink corals. Coral rubble pieces or fragments imported into Hawaii or obtained through dredging operations are not included in this ban.

SECTION 2. Section 188-68, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“~~[[[§188-68]]] Stony coral; taking and selling prohibited.~~ (a) The taking of live stony coral of the taxonomic order, Madreporaria, including the Fungidae or Pocilloporidae families, for any reason, is prohibited except with a permit authorized under section 187A-6 or section 183-41.**

**(b) After July 1, 1992, no person shall sell or offer for sale as souvenirs any stony coral of the taxonomic order, Madreporaria, of the species Montipora verrucosa, Fungia scutaria, Pocillopora damicornis, Pocillopora meandrina, Pocillopora eydouxi, Porites compressa, Porites lobata, and Tubastraea coccinea, provided that stony coral souvenirs shall not include coral rubble pieces or fragments imported for the manufacture and sale of coral jewelry or**

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obtained through dredging operations in Hawaii for agricultural or other industrial uses.”

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.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 7, 1990.)