

ACT 226

H.B. NO. 2210

A Bill for an Act Relating to Lost and Stolen Pets.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 142, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§142- Lost or rescued animals; penalty. (a) Except as otherwise provided in section 143-10, any person who exerts control over a lost animal shall immediately notify the owner of the animal, if known, or an animal control officer of the local humane society chapter of the county in which the animal is found and release the animal to the owner, animal control officer, or humane society chapter. For purposes of this section, “exert control” means any act which constrains an animal including leashing, chaining, or otherwise confining an animal.

(b) Any person who violates this section shall be fined not more than \$500.”

SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

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SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.¹

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

(Approved June 6, 1991.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.