

ACT 19

H.B. NO. 2468

A Bill for an Act Relating to Prepaid Legal Services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 488-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definition of “prepaid legal service plan” to read:

- “(3) “Prepaid legal service plan” (“Plan”) means a group legal service plan in which the cost of the services are prepaid by the group member or by some other person or organization in the member’s behalf. A group legal service plan is a plan by which legal services are rendered to individual members of a group identifiable in terms of some common interest. [A plan shall provide:
- (A) That individual members shall be afforded freedom of choice in the selection of their own attorney or attorneys to provide legal services under such plan.
 - (B) For the payment of equal amounts for the cost of services rendered without regard to the identity of the attorney or attorneys selected by the plan member or members. No plan shall otherwise discriminate on the basis of such selection.]”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 22, 1992.)