

ACT 199

H.B. NO. 1716

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Disposition of Unclaimed Financial Assistance Benefits.

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to revert to the State the balance of the financial assistance benefits of clients who pass away and who have no surviving family member receiving assistance in the same financial assistance case or upon abandonment of their electronic benefits transfer accounts.

SECTION 2. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§346- Unclaimed financial assistance balances in electronic benefits transfer accounts. If there is a balance of financial assistance benefits in an electronic benefits transfer account, that balance shall revert back to the State upon the death of the client who has no surviving family member receiving assistance in the same financial assistance case or upon abandonment of the financial assistance account.

For purposes of this section, financial assistance benefits refer to:

- (1) Temporary assistance to families with minor dependents;
- (2) General assistance to households without minor dependents; or
- (3) Aid to the aged, blind, and disabled program.

A financial assistance account shall be considered abandoned when there is no debit transaction to the account for a period of ninety consecutive calendar days after the effective date of closure of the financial assistance case.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1997.

(Approved June 16, 1997.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.