

ACT 295

H.B. NO. 1649

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Conveyance Tax.

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

SECTION 1. Section 247-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§247-3 Exemptions. The tax imposed by section 247-1 shall not apply to:

- (1) Any document or instrument [which] that is executed prior to January 1, 1967[.];
- (2) Any document or instrument [which] that is given to secure a debt or obligation[.];
- (3) Any document or instrument [which] that only confirms or corrects a deed, lease, sublease, assignment, transfer, or conveyance previously recorded or filed[.];
- (4) Any document or instrument between husband and wife, reciprocal beneficiaries, or parent and child, in which only a nominal consideration is paid[.];
- (5) Any document or instrument in which there is a consideration of \$100 or less paid or to be paid[.];
- (6) Any document or instrument conveying real property [which] that is executed pursuant to an agreement of sale, and where applicable, any assignment of the agreement of sale, or assignments thereof; provided

- that the taxes under this chapter have been fully paid upon the agreement of sale, and where applicable, upon such assignment or assignments of agreements of sale[.];
- (7) Any deed, lease, sublease, assignment of lease, agreement of sale, assignment of agreement of sale, instrument or writing in which the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof or the State or any agency, instrumentality, or governmental or political subdivision thereof are the only parties thereto[.];
 - (8) Any document or instrument executed pursuant to a tax sale conducted by the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof or the State or any agency, instrumentality, or governmental or political subdivision thereof for delinquent taxes or assessments[.];
 - (9) Any document or instrument conveying real property to the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof or the State or any agency, instrumentality, or governmental or political subdivision thereof pursuant to the threat of the exercise or the exercise of the power of eminent domain[.];
 - (10) Any document or instrument [which] that solely conveys or grants an easement or easements[.];
 - (11) Any document or instrument whereby owners partition their property, whether by mutual agreement or judicial action; provided that the value of each owner's interest in the property after partition is equal in value to that owner's interest before partition[.];
 - (12) Any document or instrument between marital partners or reciprocal beneficiaries who are parties to a divorce action or termination of reciprocal beneficiary relationship [which] that is executed pursuant to an order of the court in the divorce action or termination of reciprocal beneficiary relationship[.];
 - (13) Any document or instrument conveying real property from a testamentary trust to a beneficiary under the trust[.];
 - (14) Any document or instrument conveying real property from a grantor to the grantor's revocable living trust, or from a grantor's revocable living trust to the grantor as beneficiary of the trust[.];
 - (15) Any document or instrument conveying real property, or any interest therein, from an entity that is a party to a merger or consolidation under chapter 415, 415A, 415B, 421, 421C, or 428 to the surviving or new entity; and
 - (16) Any document or instrument conveying real property, or any interest therein, from a dissolving limited partnership to its corporate general partner that owns, directly or indirectly, at least a ninety per cent interest in the partnership, determined by applying section 318 (with respect to constructive ownership of stock) of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to the constructive ownership of interests in the partnership."

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

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon approval.

(Approved July 6, 1999.)