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H.B. NO. 313

A Bill for an Act Relating to 911 Emergency Service.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 710, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§710- Misuse of 911 emergency telephone service. (1) A person commits the offense of misuse of 911 emergency telephone service if the person accesses the telephone number 911 and:

- (a) Knowingly causes a false alarm; or
- (b) Makes a false complaint or a report of false information in reckless disregard of the risk that a public safety agency will respond by dispatching emergency services.

(2) Misuse of 911 emergency telephone service is a misdemeanor.

(3) For purposes of this section, “public safety agency” means any federal, state, or county police, fire, emergency medical service, or civil defense relief agency.”

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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.

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.¹

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

(Approved April 20, 2005.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.