

## ACT 157

S.B. NO. 2810

A Bill for an Act Relating to Employment Exemption for Domestic Services  
Authorized By the Department of Human Services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 386-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definition of “employment” to read as follows:

““Employment” means any service performed by an individual for another person under any contract of hire or apprenticeship, express or implied, oral or written, whether lawfully or unlawfully entered into. It includes service of public officials, whether elected or under any appointment or contract of hire, express or implied.

“Employment” does not include:

- (1) Service for a religious, charitable, educational, or nonprofit organization if performed in a voluntary or unpaid capacity;
- (2) Service for a religious, charitable, educational, or nonprofit organization if performed by a recipient of aid therefrom and the service is incidental to or in return for the aid received;
- (3) Service for a school, college, university, college club, fraternity, or sorority if performed by a student who is enrolled and regularly attending classes and in return for board, lodging, or tuition furnished, in whole or in part;
- (4) Service performed by a duly ordained, commissioned, or licensed minister, priest, or rabbi of a church in the exercise of the minister’s, priest’s, or rabbi’s ministry or by a member of a religious order in the exercise of nonsecular duties required by the order;
- (5) Service performed by an individual for another person solely for personal, family, or household purposes if the cash remuneration received is less than \$225 during the current calendar quarter and during each completed calendar quarter of the preceding twelve-month period;

- (6) Domestic, in-home and community-based services for persons with developmental and intellectual disabilities under the medicaid home and community-based services program pursuant to Title 42 Code of Federal Regulations sections 440.180 and 441.300, and Title 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 434, Subpart A, as amended, and identified as chore, personal assistance and habilitation, residential habilitation, supported employment, respite, and skilled nursing services, as the terms are defined by the department of human services, performed by an individual whose services are contracted by a recipient of social service payments and who voluntarily agrees in writing to be an independent contractor of the recipient of social service payments;
- (7) Domestic services, which include attendant care, and day care services authorized by the department of human services under the Social Security Act, as amended, or when provided through state-funded medical assistance to individuals ineligible for medicaid, when performed by an individual in the employ of a recipient of social service payments. For the purposes of this paragraph only, a "recipient of social service payments" is a person who is an eligible recipient of social services such as attendant care or day care services;
- ~~[(7)]~~ (8) Service performed without wages for a corporation without employees by a corporate officer in which the officer is at least a twenty-five per cent stockholder;
- ~~[(8)]~~ (9) Service performed by an individual for a corporation if the individual owns at least fifty per cent of the corporation; provided that no employer shall require an employee to incorporate as a condition of employment;
- ~~[(9)]~~ (10) Service performed by an individual for another person as a real estate salesperson or as a real estate broker, if all the service performed by the individual for the other person is performed for remuneration solely by way of commission;
- ~~[(10)]~~ (11) Service performed by a member of a limited liability company if the member is an individual and has a distributional interest, as defined in section 428-101, of not less than fifty per cent in the company; provided that no employer shall require an employee to form a limited liability company as a condition of employment;
- ~~[(11)]~~ (12) Service performed by a partner of a partnership, as defined in section 425-101, if the partner is an individual; provided that no employer shall require an employee to become a partner or form a partnership as a condition of employment;
- ~~[(12)]~~ (13) Service performed by a partner of a limited liability partnership if the partner is an individual and has a transferable interest as described in section 425-127 in the partnership of not less than fifty per cent; provided that no employer shall require an employee to form a limited liability partnership as a condition of employment; and
- ~~[(13)]~~ (14) Service performed by a sole proprietor.

As used in this definition, "religious, charitable, educational, or nonprofit organization" means a corporation, unincorporated association, community chest, fund, or foundation organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, or educational purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual."

SECTION 2. Section 392-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“§392-5 Excluded services.** “Employment” as defined in section 392-3 shall not include:

- (1) Domestic service in a private home, local college club, or local chapter of a college fraternity or sorority, performed in any calendar quarter by an individual if the cash remuneration paid by the employer for such service is less than \$225;
- (2) Service not in the course of the employer’s trade or business performed in any calendar quarter by an individual, unless the cash remuneration paid for the service is \$50 or more and the service is performed by an individual who is regularly employed by the employer to perform the service. An individual shall be deemed to be regularly employed to perform service not in the course of the employer’s trade or business during a calendar quarter only if:
  - (A) On each of some twenty-four days during the quarter the individual performs the service for some portion of the day; or
  - (B) The individual was regularly employed, as determined under subparagraph (A), by the employer in the performance of the service during the preceding calendar quarter;
- (3) Service performed on or in connection with a vessel not an American vessel, if the individual performing the service is employed on and in connection with the vessel when outside the United States;
- (4) Service performed by an individual in (or as an officer or member of the crew of a vessel while it is engaged in) the catching, taking, harvesting, cultivating, or farming of any kind of fish, shellfish, crustacea, sponges, seaweeds, or other aquatic forms of animal and vegetable life, including service performed as an ordinary incident thereto, except:
  - (A) The service performed in connection with a vessel of more than ten net tons (determined in the manner provided for determining the register tonnage of merchant vessels under the laws of the United States);
  - (B) The service performed in connection with a vessel of ten net tons or less (determined in the manner provided for determining the register tonnage of merchant vessels under the laws of the United States) by an individual who is employed by an employer who, for some portion in each of twenty different calendar weeks in either the current or preceding calendar year, had in the employer’s employ one or more persons performing the service, whether or not the weeks were consecutive and whether or not the same individuals performed the service in each week; and
  - (C) The service performed in connection with the catching or taking of salmon or halibut for commercial purposes;
- (5) Service performed by an individual in the employ of the individual’s son, daughter, or spouse, and service performed by a child under the age of twenty-one in the employ of the child’s father or mother;
- (6) Service performed in the employ of the United States government or an instrumentality of the United States exempt under the Constitution of the United States from the contributions imposed by this chapter;

- (7) Service performed in the employ of any other state, or any political subdivision thereof, or any instrumentality of any one or more of the foregoing that is wholly owned by one or more such states or political subdivisions; and any service performed in the employ of any instrumentality of one or more other states or their political subdivisions to the extent that the instrumentality is, with respect to such service, exempt from the tax imposed by section 3301 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;
- (8) Service with respect to which temporary disability compensation is payable for sickness under a temporary disability insurance system established by an act of Congress;
- (9) Service performed in any calendar quarter in the employ of any nonprofit organization exempt from income tax under section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, if:
  - (A) The remuneration for such service is less than \$50;
  - (B) The service is performed by a student who is enrolled and is regularly attending classes at a school, college, or university;
  - (C) The service is performed by a duly ordained, commissioned, or licensed minister or licensed minister of a church in the exercise of the minister's ministry or by a member of a religious order in the exercise of nonsecular duties required by the order; or
  - (D) The service is performed for a church by an employee who fails to meet the eligibility requirements of section 392-25;
- (10) Service performed in the employ of a voluntary employees' beneficiary association providing for the payment of life, sick, accident, or other benefits to the members of the association or their dependents, if:
  - (A) No part of its net earnings inures (other than through such payments) to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; and
  - (B) Eighty-five per cent or more of its income consists of amounts collected from members and amounts contributed by the employer of the members for the sole purpose of making such payments and meeting expenses;
- (11) Service performed in the employ of a voluntary employee's beneficiary association providing for the payment of life, sick, accident, or other benefits to the members of the association or their dependents or their designated beneficiaries, if:
  - (A) Admission to membership in the association is limited to individuals who are officers or employees of the United States government; and
  - (B) No part of the net earnings of the association inures (other than through such payments) to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual;
- (12) Service performed in the employ of a school, college, or university, not exempt from income tax under section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, if the service is performed by a student who is enrolled and is regularly attending classes at the school, college, or university;
- (13) Service performed in the employ of any instrumentality wholly owned by a foreign government, if:

- (A) The service is of a character similar to that performed in foreign countries by employees of the United States government or of an instrumentality thereof; and
  - (B) The United States Secretary of State has certified or certifies to the United States Secretary of the Treasury that the foreign government, with respect to whose instrumentality exemption is claimed, grants an equivalent exemption with respect to similar service performed in the foreign country by employees of the United States government and of instrumentalities thereof;
- (14) Service performed as a student nurse in the employ of a hospital or a nurses' training school by an individual who is enrolled and is regularly attending classes in a nurses' training school chartered or approved pursuant to state law; and service performed as an intern in the employ of a hospital by an individual who has completed a four years' course in a medical school chartered or approved pursuant to state law;
  - (15) Service performed by an individual for an employer as an insurance producer, if all such service performed by the individual for the employer is performed for remuneration solely by way of commission;
  - (16) Service performed by an individual under the age of eighteen in the delivery or distribution of newspapers or shopping news, not including delivery or distribution to any point for subsequent delivery or distribution;
  - (17) Service covered by an arrangement between the department and the agency charged with the administration of any other state or federal unemployment compensation law pursuant to which all services performed by an individual for an employer during the period covered by the employer's duly approved election, are deemed to be performed entirely within the agency's state;
  - (18) Service performed by an individual who, pursuant to the Federal Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, is not subject to the federal laws relating to unemployment compensation;
  - (19) Domestic in-home and community-based services for persons with developmental and intellectual disabilities under the medicaid home and community-based services program pursuant to Title 42 Code of Federal Regulations sections 440.180 and 441.300, and Title 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 434, Subpart A, as amended, and identified as chore, personal assistance and habilitation, residential habilitation, supported employment, respite, and skilled nursing services, as the terms are defined by the department of human services, performed by an individual whose services are contracted by a recipient of social service payments and who voluntarily agrees in writing to be an independent contractor of the recipient of social service payments;
  - (20) Domestic services, which include attendant care, and day care services authorized by the department of human services under the Social Security Act, as amended, or when provided through state-funded medical assistance to individuals ineligible for medicaid, when performed by an individual in the employ of a recipient of social service payments. For the purposes of this paragraph only, a "recipient of social service payments" is a person who is an eligible recipient of social services such as attendant care or day care services;

- ~~[(20)]~~ (21) Service performed by a vacuum cleaner salesperson for an employing unit, if all such services performed by the individual for such employing unit are performed for remuneration solely by way of commission; or
- ~~[(21)]~~ (22) Service performed by an individual for an employer as a real estate salesperson or as a real estate broker, if all the service performed by the individual for the employer is performed for remuneration solely by way of commission.”

SECTION 3. Section 393-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§393-5 Excluded services. “Employment” as defined in section 393-3 does not include:

- (1) Service performed by an individual in the employ of an employer who, by the laws of the United States, is responsible for care and cost in connection with such service;
- (2) Service performed by an individual in the employ of the individual’s spouse, son, or daughter, and service performed by an individual under the age of twenty-one in the employ of the individual’s father or mother;
- (3) Service performed in the employ of a voluntary employee’s beneficiary association providing for the payment of life, sick, accident, or other benefits to the members of the association or their dependents or their designated beneficiaries, if:
  - (A) Admission to membership in the association is limited to individuals who are officers or employees of the United States government; and
  - (B) No part of the net earnings of the association inures (other than through such payments) to the benefits of any private shareholder or individual;
- (4) Service performed by an individual for an employer as an insurance agent or as an insurance solicitor if all service performed by the individual for the employer is performed for remuneration by way of commission;
- (5) Service performed by an individual for an employer as a real estate salesperson or as a real estate broker if all service performed by the individual for the employer is performed for remuneration by way of commission;
- (6) Service performed by an individual who, pursuant to the Federal Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, is not subject to the provisions of law relating to federal employment, including unemployment compensation; ~~and~~
- (7) Domestic in-home and community-based services for persons with developmental and intellectual disabilities under the medicaid home and community-based services program pursuant to Title 42 Code of Federal Regulations sections 440.180 and 441.300, and Title 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 434, Subpart A, as amended, and identified as chore, personal assistance and habilitation, residential habilitation, supported employment, respite, and skilled nursing services, as the terms are defined and amended from time to time by the department of human services, performed by an individual whose services are contracted by a recipient of social service payments and

- who voluntarily agrees in writing to be an independent contractor of the recipient of social service payments[.]; and
- (8) Domestic services, which include attendant care, and day care services authorized by the department of human services under the Social Security Act, as amended, or when provided through state-funded medical assistance to individuals ineligible for medicaid, when performed by an individual in the employ of a recipient of social service payments. For the purposes of this paragraph only, a "recipient of social service payments" is a person who is an eligible recipient of social services such as attendant care or day care services."

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 26, 2012.)

**Note**

1. Prior to amendment "employees" appeared here.