

ACT 204

H.B. NO. 2751

A Bill for an Act Relating to Offenses Against Public Administration.

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 part VI be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§710- Disrespect of a house of the legislature. (1) A person who is not a member of either house of the legislature commits the offense of disrespect of a house of the legislature if, while the person is present at a legislative session of either house or at a hearing of any committee of either house, the person creates a breach of peace or disturbance with intent to interrupt the proceeding.

(2) Whenever there is probable cause to believe that a person has violated subsection (1), the person shall be subject to arrest and removal from the presence of the legislature or either house or any committee of a house, by the sergeant-at-arms of the affected house or by any other law enforcement officer of the State, as directed by the sergeant-at-arms.

(3) Disrespect of a house of the legislature is a petty misdemeanor.”

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 on July 1, 2012.

(Approved July 3, 2012.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.