

**ACT 265**

H.B. NO. 2564

A Bill for an Act Relating to Volunteer Medical Assistance Services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 321-2.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) This section shall apply to all volunteer medical assistance personnel, including:

- (1) Physicians;

- (2) Psychologists;
- (3) Nurses;
- (4) Emergency medical technicians;
- (5) Social workers;
- (6) Mobile intensive care technicians; [~~and~~]
- (7) Physician assistants[.]; and
- (8) Pharmacists.

licensed or certified in this State, or employed by a health care facility, while providing volunteer medical assistance services.”

SECTION 2. Section 321-23.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) All volunteer emergency medical disaster response personnel including:

- (1) Physicians;
- (2) Psychologists;
- (3) Nurses;
- (4) Emergency medical technicians;
- (5) Social workers;
- (6) Mobile intensive care technicians; [~~and~~]
- (7) Physician assistants; and
- (8) Pharmacists.

licensed in the State, or employed by a health care facility, while engaged in the emergency response to a mass casualty event or disaster condition, including participation during periods of mass casualty and disaster management training, shall be deemed state employees or county employees, as the case may be, and shall have the powers, duties, rights, and privileges of such in the performance of their duties as prescribed by or under the authority of the governor or a county.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

(Approved July 6, 2012.)