ACT 211

H.B. NO. 475

A Bill for an Act Relating to Movie Theatres.

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

SECTION 1. Section 489-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) A public accommodation that owns, leases, leases to, or operates a motion picture theater in more than two locations in the State shall provide [open]:

(1) Open movie captioning during at least [two-showings] one showing per week of each motion picture that is produced and offered with open movie captioning[-]; or

(2) A personal closed captioning system by means of lightweight eyewear for a motion picture that is produced and offered with closed captioning content."

SECTION 2. Act 39, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, is amended by amending section 3 to read as follows:

"SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2016, and shall be repealed on January 1, [2018.] 2020."

SECTION 3. The department of business, economic development, and tourism shall conduct a survey of the motion picture theaters that are covered by Act 39, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, to determine the operational and financial impact that Act 39 has had on the theaters and any other relevant matters resulting from that Act. The department shall submit its findings and recommendations, including necessary proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2018.

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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.

(Became law on July 11, 2017, without the governor's signature, pursuant to Art. III, §16, State Constitution.)