

## ACT 79

H.B. NO. 558

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Repeal of Section 325-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that mandatory testing for tuberculosis of United States citizens returning from certain areas after absences of five or more years provides marginal benefits to tuberculosis control in Hawaii and is costly to maintain and impractical to enforce. Repealing this requirement will diminish burdens for travelers without significant risk to public health.

The purpose of this Act is to repeal section 325-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which requires United States citizens or nationals upon returning to the State after five or more years' residence in any United States territory or possession, or any foreign country, with a high occurrence of infectious and communicable diseases, to submit a medical examination report that shall include a tuberculin skin test or a chest x-ray examination, and in the case of a positive skin test, a chest x-ray report, to the department of health within sixty days of returning to the State.

SECTION 2. Section 325-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is repealed.

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.<sup>1</sup>

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

(Approved July 3, 2017.)

**Note**

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.