
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TATTOOING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 321-374, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§321-374 License required; exemptions.** (a) Except as
4 otherwise provided by law, no person shall practice the
5 occupation of tattoo artist in this [State] state either
6 gratuitously or for pay, or shall announce oneself either
7 publicly or privately as prepared or qualified to practice that
8 occupation without having a valid unrevoked license to do so.

9 (b) Physicians holding a valid unrevoked license under
10 chapter 453 or 460 are exempt from the requirements of this
11 part.

12 (c) A person deemed by the department, in consultation
13 with experts in the practice and application of traditional
14 Hawaiian tattooing, to have achieved the title of kahuna ka
15 kakau shall be exempt from the requirements of this part.

16 As used in this subsection:

17 "Kahuna ka kakau" means an expert in the cultural practice
18 and application of traditional Hawaiian tattooing.



1 "Traditional Hawaiian tattooing" means a procedure by which
2 an indelible mark or figure is fixed upon the body by insertion
3 of pigment under the skin or by production of scars, where the
4 basic procedures and equipment used are derived from ancient
5 Hawaiian tradition and practice."

6 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Traditional Hawaiian Tattooing

Description:

Exempts experts in the practice of Kakau, traditional Hawaiian tattooing, from current tattoo licensure laws. Effective January 1, 2050. (HB2887 HD2)

