A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOVIE THEATERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I:

SECTION 1. Section 347-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§347-13 Persons who are blind, visually handicapped, disabled; public places; public conveyances. (a) Persons who are blind, visually handicapped, or otherwise disabled are entitled to full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, and privileges of all common carriers, airplanes, motor vehicles, railroad trains, motor buses, street cars, boats, or any other public conveyances or modes of transportation, hotels, lodging places, places of public accommodation, amusement, or resort, and other places to which the general public is invited, subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable to all persons.

(b) Every person who is blind, deaf, visually handicapped, or otherwise disabled shall have the right to be accompanied by a service dog, especially trained for the purpose of assisting
the person in any of the places listed in subsection (a) without being required to pay an extra charge for the service dog; provided that the person shall be liable for any damage done to the premises or facilities by the service dog. No service dog shall be considered dangerous merely because it is unmuzzled.

(c) Every disabled person shall have the right to use a life jacket or other flotation device in a public swimming pool; provided that:

(1) The person suffers from a physical disability or condition that requires the use of a life jacket or other flotation device; and

(2) The person obtains a statement signed by a licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse attesting to the person's need to use a life jacket or other flotation device.

(d) Every motion picture theater that has more than two facilities in the State to which the general public is invited shall provide closed movie captioning and descriptive narration, upon request, during at least two showings per week of each motion picture that is offered for viewing at the motion picture theater; provided that this subsection shall not apply when a
motion picture is offered for viewing at the motion picture theater for less than one week.

[-(d)-] (e) The director of human services shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 necessary for the purposes of this section."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2016.

INTRODUCED BY:
Report Title:
Motion Picture Theaters; Closed Movie Captioning and Descriptive Narration

Description:
Requires motion picture theaters that have two or more facilities in the State to provide closed movie captioning and descriptive narration for at least two showings per week of a motion picture.

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