
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:

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

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



1 the department of health within sixty days of returning to the
2 State.

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4 repealed.

5 ["~~§325-15~~ ~~Infectious and communicable diseases,~~
6 ~~examination and treatment. United States citizens or nationals,~~
7 ~~upon returning to this State after five or more years residence~~
8 ~~in any territory or possession of the United States, or any~~
9 ~~foreign country, with a high occurrence of infectious and~~
10 ~~communicable diseases, shall submit a medical examination report~~
11 ~~that shall include a tuberculin skin test or a chest x-ray~~
12 ~~examination, and in the case of a positive skin test a chest x-~~
13 ~~ray report shall be submitted, to the department of health~~
14 ~~within sixty days of return to this State. The department of~~
15 ~~health shall cooperate with public and private authorities,~~
16 ~~where feasible, in implementing this section.~~"]

17 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Infectious and Communicable Diseases; Examination; Treatment;
Repeal

Description:

Repeals Section 325-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which requires United States citizens or nationals to submit a medical examination report to the Department of Health within sixty days of returning to the State under certain conditions.

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