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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NOTARIES PUBLIC.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 456-20, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "~~[§]456-20[§]~~ Failure to verify identity and signature.

4           (a) A person commits the offense of failure to verify identity  
5 and signature if the person is a commissioned notary public and  
6 knowingly notarizes a document and:

7           (1) If a witness to the signing of the instrument, fails  
8 to verify the identity of the signer by personally  
9 knowing the signer or by comparing the personal  
10 appearance of the signer with satisfactory proof of  
11 the signer's identity; or

12           (2) If not a witness to the signing of the instrument,  
13 fails to verify the identity of the signer by  
14 personally knowing the signer or by comparing the  
15 personal appearance of the signer with satisfactory  
16 proof of the signer's identity; or fails to verify the  
17 signature of the signer by recognizing the signature



1 of the signer by personal familiarity with the  
 2 signature, or by comparing the signature with  
 3 satisfactory proof of the signer's signature.

4 (b) A commissioned notary public shall be prohibited from  
 5 accepting a limited purpose driver's license issued pursuant to  
 6 section 286-104.5 for verification of identification.

7 [~~(b)~~] (c) Any person who violates this section shall be  
 8 guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be sentenced in accordance  
 9 with chapter 706.


10 [~~(e)~~] (d) A conviction under this section shall result in  
 11 the automatic revocation of the notary public's commission."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# H.B. NO. 717

**Report Title:**

Notaries Public; Limited Purpose Driver's License

**Description:**

Prohibits a commissioned notary public from accepting a limited purpose driver's license for verification of identification.

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