
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MONEY TRANSMITTERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 489D-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
3 "(a) This chapter shall not apply to:
4 (1) The United States or any department, agency, or
5 instrumentality thereof;
6 (2) The United States Postal Service;
7 (3) The State or any political subdivisions thereof; and
8 (4) The electronic transfer of government benefits for any
9 federal, state, or county governmental agency as
10 defined in [~~Federal Reserve Board~~] Consumer Financial
11 Protection Bureau Regulation E, by a contractor for,
12 and on behalf of the United States, or any department,
13 agency, or instrumentality thereof, or any state or
14 any political subdivisions thereof."

15 SECTION 2. Section 489D-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:



1 "(a) A person or group of persons requesting approval of a
2 proposed change of control of a licensee shall submit to the
3 commissioner an application requesting approval of a proposed
4 change of control of the licensee, accompanied by a
5 nonrefundable application fee of \$2,500.

6 (b) After review of a request for approval under
7 subsection (a), the commissioner may require the licensee or
8 person or group of persons requesting approval of a proposed
9 change of control of the licensee, or both, to provide
10 additional information concerning the persons who are to assume
11 control of the licensee. The additional information shall be
12 limited to similar information required of the licensee or
13 persons in control of the licensee as part of its original
14 license or renewal application under sections 489D-9 and 489D-12
15 [and]. The information shall include the history of the
16 [applicant's] material litigation and criminal convictions of
17 the persons who are to assume control of the licensee for the
18 five-year period prior to the date of the application for change
19 of control of the licensee [-], and authorizations necessary to
20 conduct criminal history record checks of persons who are to



1 assume control of the licensee accompanied by the appropriate
2 payment of the applicable fee for each record check."

3 SECTION 3. Section 846-2.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

5 "(b) Criminal history record checks may be conducted by:

6 (1) The department of health or its designee on operators
7 of adult foster homes for individuals with
8 developmental disabilities or developmental
9 disabilities domiciliary homes and their employees, as
10 provided by section 321-15.2;

11 (2) The department of health or its designee on
12 prospective employees, persons seeking to serve as
13 providers, or subcontractors in positions that place
14 them in direct contact with clients when providing
15 non-witnessed direct mental health or health care
16 services as provided by section 321-171.5;

17 (3) The department of health or its designee on all
18 applicants for licensure or certification for,
19 operators for, prospective employees, adult
20 volunteers, and all adults, except adults in care, at
21 health care facilities as defined in section 321-15.2;



- 1 (4) The department of education on employees, prospective
2 employees, and teacher trainees in any public school
3 in positions that necessitate close proximity to
4 children as provided by section 302A-601.5;
- 5 (5) The counties on employees and prospective employees
6 who may be in positions that place them in close
7 proximity to children in recreation or child care
8 programs and services;
- 9 (6) The county liquor commissions on applicants for liquor
10 licenses as provided by section 281-53.5;
- 11 (7) The county liquor commissions on employees and
12 prospective employees involved in liquor
13 administration, law enforcement, and liquor control
14 investigations;
- 15 (8) The department of human services on operators and
16 employees of child caring institutions, child placing
17 organizations, and foster boarding homes as provided
18 by section 346-17;
- 19 (9) The department of human services on prospective
20 adoptive parents as established under section
21 346-19.7;

- 1 (10) The department of human services on applicants to
2 operate child care facilities, prospective employees
3 of the applicant, and new employees of the provider
4 after registration or licensure as provided by section
5 346-154;
- 6 (11) The department of human services on persons exempt
7 pursuant to section 346-152 to be eligible to provide
8 child care and receive child care subsidies as
9 provided by section 346-152.5;
- 10 (12) The department of health on operators and employees of
11 home and community-based case management agencies and
12 operators and other adults, except for adults in care,
13 residing in community care foster family homes as
14 provided by section 321-15.2;
- 15 (13) The department of human services on staff members of
16 the Hawaii youth correctional facility as provided by
17 section 352-5.5;
- 18 (14) The department of human services on employees,
19 prospective employees, and volunteers of contracted
20 providers and subcontractors in positions that place
21 them in close proximity to youth when providing



- 1 services on behalf of the office or the Hawaii youth
2 correctional facility as provided by section 352D-4.3;
- 3 (15) The judiciary on employees and applicants at detention
4 and shelter facilities as provided by section 571-34;
- 5 (16) The department of public safety on employees and
6 prospective employees who are directly involved with
7 the treatment and care of persons committed to a
8 correctional facility or who possess police powers
9 including the power of arrest as provided by section
10 353C-5;
- 11 (17) The board of private detectives and guards on
12 applicants for private detective or private guard
13 licensure as provided by section 463-9;
- 14 (18) Private schools and designated organizations on
15 employees and prospective employees who may be in
16 positions that necessitate close proximity to
17 children; provided that private schools and designated
18 organizations receive only indications of the states
19 from which the national criminal history record
20 information was provided pursuant to section 302C-1;



- 1 (19) The public library system on employees and prospective
- 2 employees whose positions place them in close
- 3 proximity to children as provided by section
- 4 302A-601.5;
- 5 (20) The State or any of its branches, political
- 6 subdivisions, or agencies on applicants and employees
- 7 holding a position that has the same type of contact
- 8 with children, vulnerable adults, or persons committed
- 9 to a correctional facility as other public employees
- 10 who hold positions that are authorized by law to
- 11 require criminal history record checks as a condition
- 12 of employment as provided by section 78-2.7;
- 13 (21) The department of health on licensed adult day care
- 14 center operators, employees, new employees,
- 15 subcontracted service providers and their employees,
- 16 and adult volunteers as provided by section 321-15.2;
- 17 (22) The department of human services on purchase of
- 18 service contracted and subcontracted service providers
- 19 and their employees serving clients of the adult
- 20 protective and community services branch, as provided
- 21 by section 346-97;



1 (23) The department of human services on foster grandparent
2 program, senior companion program, and respite
3 companion program participants as provided by section
4 346-97;

5 (24) The department of human services on contracted and
6 subcontracted service providers and their current and
7 prospective employees that provide home and community-
8 based services under section 1915(c) of the Social
9 Security Act, title 42 United States Code section
10 1396n(c), or under any other applicable section or
11 sections of the Social Security Act for the purposes
12 of providing home and community-based services, as
13 provided by section 346-97;

14 (25) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on
15 proposed directors and executive officers of a bank,
16 savings bank, savings and loan association, trust
17 company, and depository financial services loan
18 company as provided by section 412:3-201;

19 (26) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on
20 proposed directors and executive officers of a



1 nondepository financial services loan company as
2 provided by section 412:3-301;

3 (27) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on the
4 original chartering applicants and proposed executive
5 officers of a credit union as provided by section
6 412:10-103;

7 (28) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on:

8 (A) Each principal of every non-corporate applicant
9 for a money transmitter license; ~~and~~

10 (B) The executive officers, key shareholders, and
11 managers in charge of a money transmitter's
12 activities of every corporate applicant for a
13 money transmitter license ~~[,]~~; and

14 (C) The persons who are to assume control of a money
15 transmitter licensee in connection with an
16 application requesting approval of a proposed
17 change in control of licensee,

18 as provided by sections 489D-9 and 489D-15;

19 (29) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on
20 applicants for licensure and persons licensed under
21 title 24;

- 1 (30) The Hawaii health systems corporation on:
 - 2 (A) Employees;
 - 3 (B) Applicants seeking employment;
 - 4 (C) Current or prospective members of the corporation
 - 5 board or regional system board; or
 - 6 (D) Current or prospective volunteers, providers, or
 - 7 contractors,
 - 8 in any of the corporation's health facilities as
 - 9 provided by section 323F-5.5;

- 10 (31) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on:
 - 11 (A) An applicant for a mortgage loan originator
 - 12 license; and
 - 13 (B) Each control person, executive officer, director,
 - 14 general partner, and manager of an applicant for
 - 15 a mortgage loan originator company license,
 - 16 as provided by chapter 454F;

- 17 (32) The state public charter school commission or public
- 18 charter schools on employees, teacher trainees,
- 19 prospective employees, and prospective teacher
- 20 trainees in any public charter school for any position



- 1 that places them in close proximity to children, as
2 provided in section 302D-33;
- 3 (33) The counties on prospective employees who work with
4 children, vulnerable adults, or senior citizens in
5 community-based programs;
- 6 (34) The counties on prospective employees for fire
7 department positions which involve contact with
8 children or vulnerable adults;
- 9 (35) The counties on prospective employees for emergency
10 medical services positions which involve contact with
11 children or vulnerable adults;
- 12 (36) The counties on prospective employees for emergency
13 management positions and community volunteers whose
14 responsibilities involve planning and executing
15 homeland security measures including viewing,
16 handling, and engaging in law enforcement or
17 classified meetings and assisting vulnerable citizens
18 during emergencies or crises;
- 19 (37) The State and counties on employees, prospective
20 employees, volunteers, and contractors whose position
21 responsibilities require unescorted access to secured



- 1 areas and equipment related to a traffic management
2 center;
- 3 (38) The State and counties on employees and prospective
4 employees whose positions involve the handling or use
5 of firearms for other than law enforcement purposes;
- 6 (39) The State and counties on current and prospective
7 systems analysts and others involved in an agency's
8 information technology operation whose position
9 responsibilities provide them with access to
10 proprietary, confidential, or sensitive information;
- 11 (40) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on
12 applicants for real estate appraiser licensure or
13 certification as provided by chapter 466K;
- 14 (41) The department of health or its designee on all
15 license applicants, licensees, employees, contractors,
16 and prospective employees of medical marijuana
17 dispensaries, and individuals permitted to enter and
18 remain in medical marijuana dispensary facilities as
19 provided under sections 329D-15(a)(4) and
20 329D-16(a)(3); and



1 (42) Any other organization, entity, or the State, its
2 branches, political subdivisions, or agencies as may
3 be authorized by state law."

4 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



Report Title:

Money Transmitters; Change in Control; Division of Financial Institutions

Description:

Clarifies chapter 489D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requirements for money transmitter licensee change in control application, including requirement for criminal background check of persons who will assume control of the licensee. Updates reference to federal Regulation E. (HB2319 HD1)

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