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To aid you in the approval of your intended badge, identification, or emblem and to help you comply with the requirements of the Board and the State of Hawaii, please review the following pertinent sections:

**§16-97-14, Hawaii Administrative Rules**

"§16-97-14 Uniforms, badges, identification, emblems. (a) No licensee shall use or adopt for use any uniform, badge, identification, or emblem unless the uniforms, badges, identifications, or emblems have been approved by the Board and the Chief of Police in the county or counties in which the licensee intends to transact business.

(b) No licensee shall wear or permit any employee to wear any uniform, badge, identification, or emblem similar in design as that of any government law enforcement agency.

(c) Each licensee shall submit to the Board the following:

(1) An eight inch by ten inch photograph showing the full length front view of the uniform with cap worn by the licensee's employees; and

(2) A three inch by five inch photograph, sufficient to show detail, of the emblem, badge, and identification card, if any, used to identify the licensee's employees.

Every licensee shall submit to the Board one photograph of each of the above for Board records in addition to a sufficient number of photographs for each of the county police departments in which the licensee plans to do or is doing business. The Board shall forward the photographs to the appropriate county police department."

**§5-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes**

"§5-6 Seal; commercial use. Whoever uses any representation of the great seal or the coat of arms of the State in any advertisement or for any commercial purpose or in any manner likely to give the impression of official State approval shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The preceding sentence shall not be construed to apply to the use of the seal of the coat of arms in any newspaper, periodical, book or pamphlet where in the seal or coat of arms is printed for informational purposes only."

In addition, black and white photos of the badges of the four county police departments and other state law enforcement agencies are provided for your perusal. Please refrain from selecting any badge, identification, or emblem that resembles or is similar in design to that used by any county or state law enforcement agency.

This material can be made available for individuals with special needs. Please call the Licensing Branch Manager at (808) 586-3000 to submit your request.