
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to encourage Hawaii
2 citizens to make healthy decisions relating to the consumption
3 of liquid beverages that have been proven to be harmful to human
4 health. Specifically, this Act seeks to curb the consumption of
5 alcohol by increasing the liquor tax.

6 SECTION 2. 244D-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by
7 amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

8 "(a) Every person who sells or uses any liquor in the
9 State not taxable under this chapter, in respect of the
10 transaction by which the person or the person's vendor acquired
11 the liquor, shall pay a gallonage tax which is hereby imposed at
12 the following rates for the various liquor categories defined in
13 section 244D-1:

14 For the period July 1, 1997, to June 30, 1998, the tax rate
15 shall be:

- 16 (1) \$5.92 per wine gallon on distilled spirits;
17 (2) \$2.09 per wine gallon on sparkling wine;
18 (3) \$1.36 per wine gallon on still wine;



- 1 (4) \$0.84 per wine gallon on cooler beverages;
2 (5) \$0.92 per wine gallon on beer other than draft beer;
3 (6) \$0.53 per wine gallon on draft beer;

4 [~~On~~] For the period July 1, 1998, [~~and thereafter,~~] to
5 June 30, 2011, the tax rate shall be:

- 6 (1) \$5.98 per wine gallon on distilled spirits;
7 (2) \$2.12 per wine gallon on sparkling wine;
8 (3) \$1.38 per wine gallon on still wine;
9 (4) \$0.85 per wine gallon on cooler beverages;
10 (5) \$0.93 per wine gallon on beer other than draft beer;
11 (6) \$0.54 per wine gallon on draft beer;

12 On July 1, 2011, and thereafter, the tax rate shall be:

- 13 (1) \$8.97 per wine gallon on distilled spirits;
14 (2) \$3.18 per wine gallon on sparkling wine;
15 (3) \$2.07 per wine gallon on still wine;
16 (4) \$1.28 per wine gallon on cooler beverages;
17 (5) \$1.40 per wine gallon on beer other than draft beer;
18 (6) \$0.81 per wine gallon on draft beer;

19 and at a proportionate rate for any other quantity so sold or
20 used."

21 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
22 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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Report Title:

Fees and Taxes; Safety and Health

Description:

Promotes safety and health in Hawaii through increases in the liquor tax. (SD1)

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