
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ALLOWING DOGS IN RESTAURANTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§321- Dogs allowed in restaurants. (a) At the
5 discretion of the owner or manager of a restaurant, a restaurant
6 patron may bring a dog into the restaurant under the following
7 conditions:

8 (1) The dog shall be under the control of the patron at
9 all times, on a leash that is tied or fastened to keep
10 the dog within two feet of the patron;

11 (2) The dog shall remain at the patron's seating area and
12 on the floor;

13 (3) The dog shall not interfere with the activities of the
14 restaurant's employees, shall not obstruct any
15 pathways, and shall not enter food preparation areas;

16 (4) The dog shall not relieve itself within the
17 restaurant, bark, or otherwise disturb other patrons;

18 and



1 (5) The dog and patron shall abide by any other conditions
2 that the owner or manager of the restaurant may
3 impose.

4 (b) A restaurant that permits dogs in the restaurant shall
5 post prominently at each entrance a sign displaying the message,
6 "Dogs are allowed in this restaurant". The restaurant shall
7 post adjacent to that sign the list of conditions in subsection
8 (a), including a clear description of any additional conditions
9 imposed by the owner or manager of the restaurant.

10 (c) If any of the conditions in subsection (a) are not
11 met, the owner or manager of the restaurant may require the
12 patron to remove the dog from the restaurant.

13 (d) The restaurant patron who brings the dog into the
14 restaurant, and the dog's owner if the owner is not the patron,
15 shall be liable for any and all property damage and personal
16 injury that the dog may cause while in the restaurant.

17 (e) For purposes of this section, the term "restaurant"
18 means any place where food is served or provided to the public
19 at a charge, including outdoor seating areas, regardless of
20 whether the food is consumed on or off the premises.



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1 (f) If any provisions of this section conflict with
2 federal law governing service animals, federal law shall
3 prevail."

4 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Dogs; Restaurants

Description:

Authorizes restaurant owners and managers, at their discretion, to permit dogs inside restaurants with conditions.

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