
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)

5 Notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, except as
6 provided in subsections (g) and (h), at the discretion of the
7 owner or manager of a restaurant, a restaurant patron may bring
8 a dog into the restaurant under the following conditions:

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

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

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



- 1 (4) The dog shall not relieve itself within the
2 restaurant, bark, or otherwise disturb other patrons;
3 and
- 4 (5) The dog and patron shall abide by any other conditions
5 that the owner or manager of the restaurant may
6 impose.
- 7 (b) A restaurant that permits dogs in the restaurant shall
8 have safety and sanitation control procedures in effect to:
- 9 (1) Immediately clean any animal feces, urine, waste,
10 saliva, vomitus, or other animal fluids, and properly
11 disinfect contaminated areas and surfaces; and
- 12 (2) Prevent animal waste from entering food preparation
13 areas.
- 14 (c) A restaurant that permits dogs in the restaurant shall
15 post prominently at each entrance a sign displaying the message,
16 "Dogs are allowed in this restaurant." The restaurant shall
17 post adjacent to that sign a list of all conditions contained in
18 subsection (a) and a clear description of any additional
19 conditions imposed on dogs present in the establishment by the
20 owner or manager of the restaurant.



1 (d) If any of the conditions in subsection (a) are not
2 met, the owner or manager of the restaurant may require the
3 patron to remove the dog from the restaurant.

4 (e) The restaurant patron who brings a dog into the
5 restaurant, and the dog's owner if the owner is not the patron,
6 shall be liable for any and all property damage and personal
7 injury that the dog may cause while in the restaurant.

8 (f) For purposes of this section, the term "restaurant"
9 means any place where food is served or provided to the public
10 at a charge, including outdoor seating areas, regardless of
11 whether the food is consumed on or off the premises.

12 (g) If any provisions of this section conflict with
13 federal law governing service animals, the federal law shall
14 prevail.

15 (h) Nothing in this section shall diminish the rights of
16 persons with disabilities to request and obtain reasonable
17 accommodations under chapter 489."

18 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

Dogs; Restaurants

Description:

Authorizes restaurant owners and managers, at their discretion to permit dogs inside a restaurant, subject to certain conditions. (HB2749 HD1)

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