
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO OCEAN RECREATION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 200-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "thrill craft" to read as
3 follows:
- 4 ""Thrill craft" means any motorized vessel that falls into
5 the category of personal watercraft, and which:
- 6 (1) Is generally less than thirteen feet in length as
7 manufactured;
- 8 (2) Is generally capable of exceeding a speed of twenty
9 miles per hour;
- 10 (3) Can be operated by a single operator, but may have the
11 capacity to carry passengers while in operation; or
- 12 (4) Is designed to provide similar operating performance
13 as a personal watercraft through a combination of
14 small size, power plant, and hull design.
- 15 The term includes, but is not limited to, a jet ski, waverunner,
16 wet bike, surf jet, miniature speed boat, hovercraft, and every
17 description of vessel which uses an internal combustion engine
18 [~~powering a water jet pump~~] as its primary source of motive



1 propulsion, and is designed to be operated by a person or
2 persons sitting, standing, or kneeling on, or being towed behind
3 the vessel."

4 SECTION 2. Section 200-37, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by amending subsection (m) to read as follows:

6 "(m) Each commercial use and operator permit issued by the
7 department for commercial thrill craft and parasailing
8 activities shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance
9 and shall be renewed by the department for additional one-year
10 periods; provided that the permit holder meets the following
11 conditions:

- 12 (1) The permit holder shall be in compliance with all
13 applicable rules of the department;
- 14 (2) The permit holder shall have timely filed and paid all
15 applicable state taxes during the year; [~~and~~]
- 16 (3) The permit holder shall have a good safety record
17 regarding the operation of a commercial thrill craft,
18 or parasailing activity[-];
- 19 (4) No parasail permit holder shall be allowed to operate
20 more than one parasail vessel per permit; and



1 (5) No thrill craft permit holder shall be allowed to
2 operate more than six thrill craft vessels for rent
3 per permit."

4 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Description:

Amends the definition of "thrill craft". Limits number of vessels that parasail and thrill craft permit holders are allowed to operate per permit.

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