
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LIQUOR TAX LAW.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 244D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding two new definitions to be appropriately
3 inserted and to read as follows:

4 "Barrel" means a barrel containing not more than thirty-
5 one gallons or wine gallons of liquor.

6 "Small brewery or brewpub" means a brewery or brewpub that
7 brews or produces not more than sixty thousand barrels of beer
8 per taxable year. A brewery or brewpub that brews or produces
9 more than sixty thousand barrels of beer per taxable year shall
10 not qualify as a small brewery or brewpub, and beer produced by
11 such a brewery or brewpub shall not qualify for the liquor tax
12 rate under section 244D-4(a)(7)."

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

15 "(a) Every person who sells or uses any liquor in the
16 State not taxable under this chapter, in respect of the
17 transaction by which the person or the person's vendor acquired
18 the liquor, shall pay a gallonage tax which is hereby imposed at



1 the following rates for the various liquor categories defined in
2 section 244D-1:

3 ~~[For the period July 1, 1997, to June 30, 1998, the tax~~
4 ~~rate shall be:~~

- 5 ~~(1) \$5.92 per wine gallon on distilled spirits;~~
- 6 ~~(2) \$2.09 per wine gallon on sparkling wine;~~
- 7 ~~(3) \$1.36 per wine gallon on still wine;~~
- 8 ~~(4) \$0.84 per wine gallon on cooler beverages;~~
- 9 ~~(5) \$0.92 per wine gallon on beer other than draft beer;~~
- 10 ~~(6) \$0.53 per wine gallon on draft beer;]~~

11 On July 1, 1998, and thereafter, except as otherwise
12 provided in subparagraph (7), the tax rate shall be:

- 13 (1) \$5.98 per wine gallon on distilled spirits;
- 14 (2) \$2.12 per wine gallon on sparkling wine;
- 15 (3) \$1.38 per wine gallon on still wine;
- 16 (4) \$0.85 per wine gallon on cooler beverages;
- 17 (5) \$0.93 per wine gallon on beer other than draft beer;
- 18 (6) \$0.54 per wine gallon on draft beer; and
- 19 (7) Beginning on January 1, 2014, \$0.23 per wine gallon on
20 draft beer and beer other than draft beer brewed or
21 produced by a small brewery or brewpub;



1 and at a proportionate rate for any other quantity so sold or
2 used."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050, and
6 shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013.



Report Title:

Liquor Tax; Small Breweries and Brewpubs

Description:

Defines "barrel" and "small brewery or brewpub." Establishes a tax rate of \$0.23 per wine gallon on draft beer and beer other than draft beer that is brewed or produced by a small brewery or brewpub. Effective 07/01/2050. (SD2)

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