
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; provided
21 that for counties with populations of 700,000 or more,
22 no parasail permit holder shall be allowed to have



1 more than one parasail vessel operating in state
2 waters at any given time per permit; and
3 (5) No thrill craft permit holder shall be allowed to
4 operate more than six thrill craft vessels for rent
5 per permit."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

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

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Report Title:

Ocean Recreation; Thrill Craft; Parasailing; Permits

Description:

Amends the definition of "thrill craft". Prohibits the operation of more than one parasail vessel at any given time in state waters per permit for counties with populations over 700,000. Limits the number of vessels thrill craft permit holders are allowed to operate for rent per permit. (SD1)

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