
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LIQUOR COMMISSIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 281-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) The liquor commission, within its own county, shall
4 have the sole jurisdiction, power, authority, and discretion,
5 subject only to this chapter:

6 (1) To grant, refuse, suspend, and revoke any [~~licenses~~]
7 license for the manufacture, importation, and sale of
8 liquors;

9 (2) To take appropriate action against a person who,
10 directly or indirectly, manufactures, sells, or
11 purchases any liquor without being authorized pursuant
12 to this chapter; provided that in counties which have
13 established by charter a liquor control adjudication
14 board, the board shall have the jurisdiction, power,
15 authority, and discretion to hear and determine
16 administrative complaints of the director regarding
17 violations of the liquor laws of the State or of the



1 rules of the liquor commission, and impose penalties
2 for violations thereof as may be provided by law;

3 (3) To control, supervise, and regulate the manufacture,
4 importation, and sale of liquors by investigation,
5 enforcement, and education; provided that any
6 educational program shall be limited to the commission
7 staff, commissioners, liquor control adjudication
8 board members, and licensees and their employees, and
9 shall be financed through the money collected from the
10 assessment of fines against licensees; provided that
11 fine moneys, not to exceed ten per cent a year of
12 fines accumulated, may be used to fund public [~~liquor~~
13 ~~related~~] liquor-related educational or enforcement
14 programs;

15 (4) From time to time to make, amend, and repeal [~~such~~]
16 rules, not inconsistent with this chapter, as in the
17 judgment of the commission [~~seem~~] are deemed
18 appropriate for carrying out this chapter and for the
19 efficient administration thereof, and the proper
20 conduct of the business of all licensees, including
21 every matter or thing required to be done or which may
22 be done with the approval or consent [~~or~~], by order



1 [~~æ~~], under the direction or supervision of, or as
2 prescribed by the commission; which rules, when
3 adopted as provided in chapter 91 shall have the force
4 and effect of law;

5 (5) Subject to chapter 76, to appoint and remove an
6 administrator, who may also be appointed an
7 investigator and who shall be responsible for the
8 operations and activities of the staff. The
9 administrator may hire and remove hearing officers,
10 investigators, and clerical or other assistants as its
11 business may from time to time require, [~~t~~] prescribe
12 their duties[~~r~~] and fix their compensation[~~r~~;~~t~~], and
13 engage the services of experts and persons engaged in
14 the practice of a profession, if deemed expedient.
15 Every investigator, within the scope of the
16 investigator's duties, shall have the powers of a
17 police officer;

18 (6) To limit the number of licenses of any class or kind
19 within the county, or the number of licenses of any
20 class or kind to do business in any given locality,
21 when in the judgment of the commission such
22 limitations are in the public interest;



- 1 (7) To prescribe the nature of the proof to be furnished,
2 the notices to be given, and the conditions to be met
3 or observed in case of the issuance of a duplicate
4 license in place of one alleged to have been lost or
5 destroyed, including a requirement of any indemnity
6 deemed appropriate to the case;
- 7 (8) To fix the hours between which licensed premises of
8 any class or classes may regularly be open for the
9 transaction of business, which shall be uniform
10 throughout the county as to each class respectively;
- 11 (9) To prescribe all forms to be used for the purposes of
12 this chapter not otherwise provided for in this
13 chapter, and the character and manner of keeping of
14 books, records, and accounts to be kept by licensees
15 in any matter pertaining to their business;
- 16 (10) To investigate violations of this chapter, chapter
17 244D and, notwithstanding any law to the contrary,
18 violations of the applicable department of health's
19 allowable noise levels, through its investigators or
20 otherwise, to include covert operations, and to report
21 violations to the prosecuting officer for prosecution
22 and, where appropriate, the director of taxation to



1 hear and determine complaints against any licensee;
2 provided that a liquor commission in a county with a
3 population of seven hundred thousand or greater may
4 establish a pilot program that employs both a dBA and
5 a dBC sound level measurement system for the purpose
6 of community noise control; provided further that the
7 dBC sound level measurements shall be in accordance
8 with the following maximum permissible sound levels in
9 dBC:

10 (A) Zoning districts that include all areas
11 equivalent to lands zoned residential,
12 conservations, preservation, public space, open
13 space, or similar type shall have a maximum dBC
14 sound level of fifty-five from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00
15 p.m. and a maximum dBC level of forty-five from
16 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.;

17 (B) Zoning districts that include all areas
18 equivalent to lands zoned for multi-family
19 dwellings, apartment, business, commercial,
20 hotel, resort, or similar type shall have a
21 maximum dBC sound level of sixty from 7:00 a.m.



- 1 to 10:00 p.m. and a maximum dBC level of fifty
2 from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.; and
- 3 (C) Zoning districts that include all areas
4 equivalent to lands zoned in agriculture,
5 country, industrial, or similar type shall have a
6 maximum dBC sound level of seventy from 7:00 a.m.
7 to 10:00 p.m. and a maximum dBC level of seventy
8 from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.;
- 9 (11) To prescribe, by rule, the terms, conditions, and
10 circumstances under which persons or any class of
11 persons may be employed by holders of licenses;
- 12 (12) To prescribe, by rule, the term of any license or
13 solicitor's and representative's permit authorized by
14 this chapter, the annual or prorated amount, the
15 manner of payment of fees for the licenses and
16 permits, and the amount of filing fees; [and]
- 17 (13) To prescribe, by rule, limitations on licensed
18 premises regarding dancing therein; and
- 19 [~~(13)~~] (14) To prescribe, by rule, the circumstances and
20 penalty for the unauthorized manufacturing or selling
21 of any liquor."



1 SECTION 2. By not later than July 1, 2014, each county
2 liquor commission that chooses to regulate dancing shall adopt
3 or amend rules regarding dancing in premises licensed to sell
4 liquor for consumption thereon. The rules of each county liquor
5 commission that chooses to regulate dancing shall include a
6 definition of the term "dancing".

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

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
10 provided that the amendments made to section 281-17(a), Hawaii
11 Revised Statutes, in section 1 of this Act shall not be repealed
12 on May 5, 2017, pursuant to section 4 of Act 297, Session Laws
13 of Hawaii 2012.

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Report Title:

Liquor Commissions; Rules; Dancing

Description:

Requires county liquor commissions that choose to regulate dancing to adopt or amend rules regarding limitations on dancing. (SD1)

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