
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~~[7]~~ 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,

16 waverunner, wet bike, surf jet, miniature speed boat,

17 hovercraft, and every description of vessel ~~[which]~~ that uses an

18 internal combustion engine ~~[powering a water jet pump]~~ as its



1 primary source of motive propulsion, and is designed to be
2 operated by a person or persons sitting, standing, or kneeling
3 on, or being towed behind 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 operate more than one
20 parasail vessel per permit; provided that for a county
21 with a population of seven hundred thousand or more,
22 no parasail permit holder shall have more than one



1 parasail vessel operating in state waters at any given
2 time per permit; and

3 (5) No thrill craft permit holder shall operate more than
4 six thrill craft vessels for rent per permit."

5 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
6 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
7 begun before its effective date.

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



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 may operate for rent per permit. Effective 07/01/2050.
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