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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREWORKS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the use of consumer
2 fireworks causes fires and burn injuries, most frequently to
3 children. Fireworks produce excessive smoke, contributing to
4 breathing difficulties. Loud fireworks noises traumatize both
5 war veterans and pets. With the increase in fireworks-related
6 calls, public safety agencies are strained to maintain adequate
7 response levels for other critical emergencies. The people of
8 our State deserve to live in peace and security, without the
9 public safety risk and disruptive impact of consumer fireworks.

10 The purpose of this Act is to limit the use of consumer
11 fireworks for cultural purposes only. Display fireworks,
12 articles pyrotechnic, and aerial devices conducted by licensed
13 professionals will still be allowed. However, the use of
14 consumer fireworks will be prohibited on the three designated
15 holidays, namely New Year's Eve, the Fourth of July, and Chinese
16 New Year's Day.



1 SECTION 2. Section 132D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definitions of "consumer fireworks" and
3 "cultural" to read as follows:

4 "Consumer fireworks" [~~means~~]:

5 (1) Means any fireworks designed primarily for retail sale
6 to the public [~~during authorized dates and times~~]
7 that produces visible or audible effects by
8 combustion, and that is designed to remain on or near
9 the ground and, while stationary or spinning rapidly
10 on or near the ground, emits smoke, a shower of
11 colored sparks, whistling effects, flutter sparks, or
12 balls of colored sparks, and includes combination
13 items that contain one or more of these effects.

14 "Consumer fireworks" shall comply with the
15 construction, chemical composition, and labeling
16 regulations of the United States Consumer Product
17 Safety Commission as set forth in Title 16 Code of
18 Federal Regulations and fireworks classified as UN0336
19 and UN0337 by the United States Department of
20 Transportation as set forth in Title 49 Code of



1 Federal Regulations [~~—~~ "Consumer fireworks" include];

2 and

3 (2) Includes firework items commonly known as firecrackers
4 that are single paper cylinders not exceeding one and
5 one-half inches in length excluding the fuse and one-
6 quarter of an inch in diameter and contain a charge of
7 not more than fifty milligrams of pyrotechnic
8 composition, snakes, sparklers, fountains, and
9 cylindrical or cone fountains that emit effects up to
10 a height not greater than twelve feet above the
11 ground, illuminating torches, bamboo cannons,
12 whistles, toy smoke devices, wheels, and ground
13 spinners that when ignited remain within a circle with
14 a radius of twelve feet as measured from the point
15 where the item was placed and ignited, novelty or
16 trick items, combination items, and other fireworks of
17 like construction that are designed to produce the
18 same or similar effects.

19 "Cultural" means relating to the arts, customs, traditions,
20 mores, and history of all of the various ethnic groups of
21 Hawaii [~~—~~] and includes religious events."



1 SECTION 3. Section 132D-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§132D-3 [~~Permissible uses~~] Use of consumer fireworks~~[-];~~
4 prohibition; exception for cultural events. [~~Consumer fireworks~~
5 ~~may be~~] It shall be unlawful for any person to set off,
6 [~~ignited, discharged,~~] ignite, discharge, or otherwise [~~caused~~]
7 cause to explode any consumer fireworks within the State [~~only~~;

8 (1) ~~From 9:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve to 1:00 a.m. on New~~
9 ~~Year's Day; from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Chinese New~~
10 ~~Year's Day; and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the~~
11 ~~Fourth of July; or~~

12 (2) ~~From 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. as allowed by permit~~
13 ~~pursuant to section 132D-10 if the proposed cultural~~
14 ~~use is to occur at any time other than during the~~
15 ~~periods prescribed in paragraph (1);],~~

16 provided that the purchase of not more than five thousand
17 individual consumer fireworks commonly known as firecrackers
18 shall be allowed under each permit."

19 SECTION 4. Section 132D-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended to read as follows:



1 "§132D-5 General prohibitions. (a) [~~It~~] In addition to
2 the prohibition under section 132D-3, it shall be unlawful for
3 any person [without a permit issued under section 132D-10 by a
4 county fire department] to:

5 (1) Remove or extract the pyrotechnic contents from any
6 fireworks;

7 (2) Throw any ignited fireworks:

8 (A) From, at, or into a vehicle;

9 (B) At a person or an animal; and

10 (C) From above the first floor of any building; or

11 (3) Set off, ignite, discharge, or otherwise cause to
12 explode any fireworks:

13 (A) Above the first floor of any building;

14 (B) In any vehicle;

15 [~~(C) At any time not within the periods for use~~
16 ~~prescribed in section 132D-3;~~

17 ~~(D)]~~ (C) Within one thousand feet of any operating
18 hospital, licensed convalescent home, licensed
19 home for the elderly, zoo, licensed animal
20 shelter, or licensed animal hospital;



1 ~~[(E)]~~ (D) In any school building, or on any school grounds
2 and yards without first obtaining authorization
3 from appropriate school officials;

4 ~~[(F)]~~ (E) On any highway, alley, street, sidewalk, or other
5 public way; in any park; on any public beach; in
6 any officially designated forest or wildlife
7 preserve; within fifty feet of a canefield; or
8 within one thousand feet of any building used for
9 public worship during the periods when services
10 are held; and

11 ~~[(G)]~~ (F) Within five hundred feet of any hotel.

12 (b) ~~[(H)]~~ Except for use at cultural events by permit
13 pursuant to section 132D-10, it shall be unlawful to purchase or
14 possess consumer fireworks ~~[more than five calendar days before~~
15 ~~the time periods for permissible use under section 132D-3.]~~
16 within the State.

17 (c) ~~[(I)]~~ Except for use at cultural events by permit
18 pursuant to section 132D-10, it shall be unlawful to offer,
19 expose for sale, sell, or furnish consumer fireworks ~~[after~~
20 ~~12:01 a.m. on New Year's Day, 6:00 p.m. on Chinese New Year's~~



1 ~~Day, and 8:00 p.m. on the Fourth of July.]~~ to any person within
2 the State."

3 SECTION 5. Section 132D-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

5 "(d) It shall be unlawful for any licensee, other than a
6 wholesaler who is selling or transferring fireworks or articles
7 pyrotechnic to a licensed retailer, to sell or offer to sell,
8 exchange for consideration, give, transfer, or donate any
9 fireworks or articles pyrotechnic at any time to any person who
10 does not present a permit duly issued as required by section
11 132D-10 or 132D-16. The permit shall be signed by the seller or
12 transferor at the time of sale or transfer of the fireworks or
13 articles pyrotechnic, and the seller or transferor shall
14 indicate on the permit the amount and type of fireworks or
15 articles pyrotechnic sold or transferred. No person shall sell
16 or deliver fireworks to any permittee in any amount in excess of
17 the amount specified in the permit, less the amount shown on the
18 permit to have been previously purchased; provided that no
19 fireworks shall be sold to a permittee holding a permit issued
20 for purposes of section 132D-3, more than five calendar days



1 before the applicable [~~time period under section 132D-3.~~]
2 cultural event."

3 SECTION 6. Section 132D-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "~~§132D-10 Permits[-]~~ for purchase or use of fireworks;
6 fees. A permit shall be required for the purchase and use of:

7 (1) Any consumer fireworks [~~commonly known as firecrackers~~
8 ~~upon payment of a fee of]~~ for cultural events, the fee
9 for which shall be \$25[+] per permit; and

10 (2) Any aerial devices, display fireworks, or articles
11 pyrotechnic for the purposes of section 132D-16 [~~upon~~
12 ~~payment of a fee of]~~, the fee for which shall be
13 \$110[+and] per permit.

14 [~~3~~] ~~Any consumer fireworks for the purposes of section~~
15 ~~132D-5 or for cultural uses that occur at any time~~
16 ~~other than during the periods prescribed in section~~
17 ~~132D-3(1) upon a payment of a fee of \$25.] "~~

18 SECTION 7. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
19 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
20 begun before its effective date.



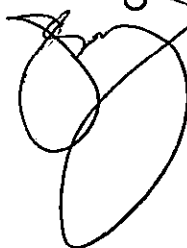
1 SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Fireworks; Prohibitions

Description:

Prohibits the use of consumer fireworks except for cultural events allowed by permit.

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