
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ORDER.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the public has a
2 right to the enjoyment of public places free of the smell or
3 presence of urine or feces. Public places to be designated as
4 urine free zones include public playgrounds and those areas
5 related to public transportation. The establishment of urine
6 free zones in these areas will help protect the public from
7 health hazards that stem from human waste, as well as enable
8 Hawaii residents and visitors to freely utilize and enjoy public
9 spaces.

10 The purpose of this Act is to protect public health and
11 maintain public order by establishing public "urine free zones"
12 where the act of urinating or defecating is prohibited.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 711, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
15 and to read as follows:

16 "§711- Urinating or defecating in a urine free zone.

17 (1) A person commits the offense of urinating or defecating in



1 a urine free zone if the person intentionally urinates or
2 defecates in a public place designated by this section as a
3 urine free zone.

4 (2) The following public places are designated as urine
5 free zones:

6 (a) Public playgrounds and public playground equipment;

7 (b) Public bus stops;

8 (c) Public park and ride facilities;

9 (d) Public parking lots; and

10 (e) Public parking garages, including the structures'
11 stairwells.

12 (3) Urinating or defecating in a urine free zone is a
13 violation punishable as follows:

14 (a) For a first offense, by a fine of not more than \$500;

15 (b) For a second offense, by a fine of not more than
16 \$1,000;

17 (c) For a third or subsequent offense, by a fine of not
18 more than \$2,000.

19 (4) Any person who commits the violation of urinating or
20 defecating in a urine free zone shall have the option to
21 complete a court approved drug, alcohol, or mental health



1 treatment program in lieu of paying fines mandated by this
2 section."

3 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Urine Free Zones; Public urination; Public defecation

Description:

Creates the offense of urinating or defecating in a urine free zone. Designates certain public places as urine free zones. Establishes fines or completion of a court approved drug, alcohol, or mental health treatment program as consequences for a violation.

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