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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there are large  
2 numbers of owners advertising transient accommodations,  
3 including online advertisements, in violation of section 237D-4,  
4 Hawaii Revised Statutes, by failing to conspicuously provide the  
5 required registration identification number of the operator or  
6 plan manager, or an electronic link to the registration  
7 identification number.

8       The legislature further finds that allowing these owners to  
9 operate unlawfully will result in the continuing loss of  
10 significant tax revenues to the State and cause substantial harm  
11 to owners who are in compliance with section 237D-4, Hawaii  
12 Revised Statutes, by subjecting these owners to unfair  
13 competition.

14       The purpose of this Act is to require that short-term  
15 vacation rental booking services comply with the requirements  
16 imposed on transient accommodations brokers under section 237D-  
17 4, Hawaii Revised Statutes.



SECTION 2. Section 237D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows:

1. By adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted and to read:

"Booking service" means any reservation or payment service, or both, provided by a person or entity that facilitates a short-term rental transaction between an owner or entity and a prospective tourist or transient user, and for which the providing person or entity collects or receives, directly or through an intermediary, a fee in connection with the reservation or payment services, or both, provided for the short-term rental transaction."

2. By amending the definition of "transient accommodations broker" to read:

"Transient accommodations broker" means any person or entity, including but not limited to persons who operate online websites, online travel agencies, or online booking agencies, that collects or receives a fee for booking services or offers, lists, advertises, or accepts reservations or collects whole or partial payment for transient accommodations or resort time share vacation interests, units, or plans."



1       SECTION 3. Section 237D-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

3       "(d) Failure to meet the requirements of subsection (c)  
4 shall be unlawful. The department may issue citations to any  
5 person, including operators, plan managers, and transient  
6 accommodations brokers, who violates subsection (c) ~~[-]~~ or who  
7 collects or receives a fee for providing booking services in  
8 connection with a transaction in violation of subsection (c). A  
9 citation issued pursuant to this subsection for each transient  
10 accommodation or resort time share vacation interest, plan, or  
11 unit in violation of subsection (c) shall include a monetary  
12 fine of not less than:

13       (1) \$500 per day, for a first violation for which a  
14 citation is issued;

15       (2) \$1,000 per day, for a second violation for which a  
16 citation is issued; and

17       (3) \$5,000 per day, for a third and any subsequent  
18 violation for which a citation is issued."

19       SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
20 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
21 begun before its effective date.



1       SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3       SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# S.B. NO. 3035

**Report Title:**

Transient Accommodations; Short-Term Vacation Rentals; Service Bookers

**Description:**

Requires that short-term vacation rental booking services comply with the requirements imposed on transient accommodations brokers under section 237D-4, HRS.

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