
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ALCOHOL.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 244D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
3 and to read as follows:

4 "Low alcohol by volume spirits beverage" means any
5 alcoholic beverage containing no more than seven per cent
6 alcohol by volume. "Low alcohol by volume spirits beverage"
7 includes distilled spirits mixed with other ingredients,
8 including both nonalcohol and alcohol components."

9 SECTION 2. Section 244D-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

11 "(a) Every person who sells or uses any liquor in the
12 State not taxable under this chapter, in respect of the
13 transaction by which the person or the person's vendor acquired
14 the liquor, shall pay a gallonage tax that is hereby imposed at
15 the following rates for the various liquor categories defined in
16 section 244D-1:



1 On [~~July 1, 1998,~~] July 1, 2025, and thereafter, the tax
2 rate shall be:

- 3 (1) \$5.98 per wine gallon on distilled spirits;
- 4 (2) \$2.12 per wine gallon on sparkling wine;
- 5 (3) \$1.38 per wine gallon on still wine;
- 6 (4) \$0.85 per wine gallon on cooler beverages;
- 7 (5) \$0.93 per wine gallon on beer other than draft beer;
- 8 [~~and~~]
- 9 (6) \$0.54 per wine gallon on draft beer; and
- 10 (7) \$0.93 per wine gallon on low alcohol by volume spirits
11 beverages;

12 and at a proportionate rate for any other quantity so sold or
13 used."

14 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000;
17 provided that this Act shall be repealed on December 31, 2028,
18 and section 244D-4(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be
19 reenacted in the form in which it read on the day prior to the
20 effective date of this Act.



Report Title:

Alcohol; Liquor Tax Law; Low Alcohol by Volume Spirits Beverage;
Definition; Rate

Description:

Defines "low alcohol by volume spirits beverage". Establishes a tax on low alcohol by volume spirits beverages at a rate of \$0.93 per wine gallon. Sunsets 12/31/2028. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)

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