

ACT 292

H.B. NO. 1243

A Bill for an Act Relating to Liquor Licenses.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 281-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§281-31 Licenses, classes. (a) Licenses may be granted by the liquor commission as [follows:] provided in this section.

(b) Class 1. Manufacturers’ licenses. A license for the manufacture of liquor shall authorize the licensee to manufacture the liquor therein specified and to sell the same at wholesale in original packages to any person who holds a license to resell the same, and to sell draught beer or wine manufactured from grapes or other fruits grown in the State in any quantity to any person for private use and consumption. Under this license no liquor shall be consumed on the premises except as authorized by the commission. Of this class there shall be the following kinds:

- (1) Beer;
- (2) Wine;
- (3) Wine manufactured from grapes or other fruits grown in the State;
- (4) Alcohol;
- (5) Other specified liquor.

It shall be unlawful for any holder of a manufacturer’s license to have any interest whatsoever in the license or licensed premises of any other licensee.

(c) Class 3. Wholesale dealers’ licenses. A license for the sale of liquors at wholesale shall authorize the licensee to import and sell only to licensees or to others who are by law authorized to resell but are not by law required to hold a license, the liquors therein specified in quantities not less than five gallons at one time if sold from or in bulk containers or not less than one gallon if bottled goods; provided that samples of liquor may be sold back to the manufacturer. The license

may authorize the licensee to sell draught beer in quantities not less than five gallons at one time to any person for private use and consumption if the licensee files an affidavit with the commission that there is not a class 4 retail dealers licensee available to sell the wholesalers brand of draught beer. Under the license no liquor shall be consumed on the premises except as authorized by the commission. Of this class there shall be the following kinds:

- (1) General (includes all liquors except alcohol);
- (2) Beer and wine;
- (3) Alcohol.

If any wholesale dealer solicits or takes any orders in any county other than that where his place of business is located, the orders may be filled only by shipment direct from the county in which the wholesale dealer has his license. Nothing herein shall prevent a wholesaler from selling liquors to post exchanges, ships service stores, army or navy officers' clubs, or like organizations located on army or navy reservations, or to any vessel other than vessels performing a regular water transportation service between any two or more ports in the State, or to aviation companies who operate an aerial transportation enterprise as a common carrier, under chapter 269, engaged in regular flight passenger services between any two or more airports in the State for use on aircraft, or aviation companies engaged in transpacific flight operations for use on aircraft outside the jurisdiction of the State.

(d) Class 4. Retail dealers' licenses. A license to sell liquors at retail or to class 10 licenses, shall authorize the licensee to sell the liquors therein specified in their original packages. Under the license no liquor shall be consumed on the premises except as authorized by the commission. Of this class there shall be the following kinds:

- (1) General (includes all liquors except alcohol);
- (2) Beer and wine;
- (3) Alcohol.

(e) Class 5. Dispensers' licenses. [A dispenser's license shall authorize the licensee to sell liquors therein specified for consumption on the premises. Of this class there shall be the following kinds:

- (1) General (includes all liquors except alcohol);
- (2) Beer and wine;
- (3) Beer.]

A licensee under this class shall be issued a license according to the category of establishment the licensee owns or operates. The categories of establishments shall be as follows:

- (1) A standard bar;
- (2) A premise in which a person performs or entertains unclothed or in attire restricted to use by entertainers pursuant to commission rules;
- (3) A premise in which live or recorded music is played and in which facilities for dancing by the patrons are provided; or
- (4) A premise in which employees or entertainers are compensated to sit with patrons whether or not the employees or entertainers are consuming non-alcoholic beverages while in the company of such patrons.

If a licensee under class 5 desires to change the category of establishment the licensee owns or operates, the licensee shall apply for a new license applicable to the category of the licensee's establishment.

For each category of class 5 licenses there shall be the following kinds:

- (1) General (includes all liquors except alcohol);
- (2) Beer and wine;
- (3) Beer.

(f) Class 6. Club licenses. A club license shall be general only (but excluding alcohol) and shall authorize the licensee to sell liquors to members of the club and to guests thereof enjoying the privileges of membership, for consumption only on the premises kept and operated by the club, and shall also authorize any bona fide club member to keep in his private locker on the premises a reasonable quantity of liquor, if owned by himself, for his own personal use and not to be sold, and which may be consumed only on the premises.

(g) Class 7. Vessel licenses. A general license may be granted to the owner of any vessel performing a regular water transportation passenger service between any two or more ports in the State for the sale of liquor (other than alcohol) on board the vessel while in the waters of the State; provided such sales are made only while the vessel is en route, and only for consumption by passengers on board. If the vessel has a home port in the State the license shall be issuable in the county wherein the home port is situated, otherwise in the city and county of Honolulu. If on any vessel for which no license has been obtained under this chapter any liquor is sold or served within three miles of the shore of any island of the State the same shall constitute a violation of this chapter.

(h) Class 8. Additional vessel licenses. A general license may be granted to the owner of any vessel which does not fall within class 7 for the sale of liquor (other than alcohol) on board the vessel while in any port of the State. Such sales shall be made only for consumption by passengers and their guests on board such vessel. The license shall be issuable in each county where the sales are to be made and the application for the license may be made by any agent representing the owner.

(i) Class 9. Tour or cruise vessel licenses. A general license may be granted to the owner of any tour or cruise vessel for the sale of liquor (other than alcohol) on board the vessel while in the waters of the State; provided such sales are made only for consumption by passengers on board while the vessel is in operation outside the port or dock of any island of the State. If the vessel has a home port in the State, the license shall be issuable in the county wherein the home port is situated, otherwise in the city and county of Honolulu. If on any vessel for which no license has been obtained under this chapter any liquor is sold or served within three miles of the shore of any island of the State, the same shall constitute a violation of this chapter.

(j) Class 10. Special. A special license may be granted for the sale of liquor for a period not to exceed three days on any occasion and under such conditions as may be approved by the commission. Of this class there shall be the following kinds:

- (1) General (includes all liquors except alcohol);

- (2) Beer and wine;
- (3) Beer.

Under such license the liquors therein specified shall be consumed on the premises.

(k) Class 11. Cabaret license. A cabaret license shall be general only (but excluding alcohol) and shall authorize the sale of liquors for consumption on the premises. This license shall be issued only for premises where food is served, facilities for dancing by the patrons are provided, including a dance floor and an orchestra of not less than three members, [and] or professional entertainment is provided for the patrons. Notwithstanding any rule or regulation of the liquor commission to the contrary, cabarets may be opened for the transaction of business until 4 a.m. throughout the entire week.

(l) Class 12. Hotel licenses. A license to sell liquor in a hotel shall authorize the licensee to sell all liquors, except alcohol, for consumption on the premises; provided that the liquor commissions in each county shall adopt rules, as deemed appropriate by each respective liquor commission, restricting holders of hotel licenses in selling liquors as¹ authorized by retail dealers' licenses.

(m) It shall be unlawful for any retail licensee (Classes 4 through 12) to purchase liquor from any person other than a wholesaler licensed pursuant to this chapter, except as otherwise provided in this section.

Sections 281-57 to 281-61 shall not apply to Classes 7 to 10.”

SECTION 2. Chapter 281, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“**§281- Standard bar; music and dancing available.** Any standard bar establishment may provide live or recorded music and dancing facilities for patrons if the establishment is located in a commercial district and obtains the approval of the commission to provide such services on a one time trial basis not to exceed ninety days, provided the music and dancing are allowed only during the trial period.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.²

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

(Approved June 14, 1983.)

Notes

- 1. Underscore missing.
- 2. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.