## ACT 351

H.B. NO. 977

A Bill for an Act Relating to the General Excise Tax.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 237, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**"§237-** Additional amounts not taxable. In addition to the amounts not taxable under section 237-24, this chapter shall not apply to amounts received by the operator of a hotel from the owner of the hotel in amounts equal to and which are disbursed by the operator for employee wages, salaries, payroll taxes, insurance premiums, and benefits, including retirement, vacation, sick pay, and health benefits. As used in this section:

"Employee" means employees directly engaged in the day to day operation of the hotel and employed by the operator.

"Hotel" means an operation licensed under section 445-92.

"Owner" means the fee owner or lessee under a recorded lease of a hotel.

"Operator" means any person who, pursuant to a written contract with the owner of a hotel, operates or manages the hotel for the owner."

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.<sup>1</sup>

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1989.

(Approved June 16, 1989.)

## Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.