

ACT 179

S.B. NO. 3011

A Bill for an Act Relating to Noise.

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

SECTION 1. Section 342F-30.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows:

1. By amending its title and subsection (a) to read:

**“~~§~~342F-30.8 Leaf blowers; weed whackers; restrictions.** (a) In any urban land use district, as designated pursuant to section 205-2, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a leaf blower or weed whacker within a residential zone or within one hundred feet of a residential zone in the State, except between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and ~~[6:00]~~ 7:00 p.m. on any day except Sunday or a state or federal holiday, and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and ~~[6:00]~~ 7:00 p.m. on Sunday or any state or federal holiday[-]; provided that government entities, and agents acting on behalf of government entities, may use weed whackers during the prohibited hours in the case of an emergency as defined in section 127A-2.”

2. By amending subsections (c) through (e) to read:

“(c) Government entities, and agents acting on behalf of government entities, shall not be subject to this section[-] as it applies to leaf blowers.

(d) Any county may adopt a rule or ordinance that places stricter limitations on the use of leaf blowers or weed whackers than are in this section. In case of a conflict between the requirements or limitations of this section and any

county rule or ordinance regarding the use of leaf blowers[;] or weed whackers, the more restrictive requirements shall apply.

(e) For the purposes of this section:

“Leaf blower” means any machine used to blow leaves, dirt, or other debris off sidewalks, driveways, lawns, and other surfaces.

“State holiday” means any day established as a state holiday in section 8-1.

“Weed whacker” means a gasoline or electric powered yard tool that uses either a flexible monofilament line (also known as a string or line trimmer) or revolving metal cutting blade intended to cut or trim grass and other vegetation.”

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

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

(Approved July 2, 2024.)