
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LIQUOR.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 281-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§281-3 Illegal manufacture, importation, or sale of**
4 **liquor.** It shall be unlawful for any person not having a valid
5 license to manufacture or sell any liquor except as otherwise
6 provided in this chapter; provided that the head of any family
7 may produce for family use and not for sale, an amount of wine
8 not exceeding two hundred gallons a year, and an amount of beer
9 not exceeding one hundred gallons a year.

10 It shall also be unlawful for any person, not having a
11 valid wholesale license or a valid manufacturer's (including
12 rectifier's) license, to import any liquor from [~~without~~
13 outside the [~~State,~~] state, except as otherwise provided in this
14 chapter. Liquor imported into this [~~State~~] state shall come to
15 rest at the warehouse of the manufacturer (including rectifier)
16 or the wholesaler importing the liquor, shall be unloaded into
17 such warehouse, and shall be held in such warehouse for at least



1 forty-eight hours before further sale by such manufacturer
2 (including rectifier) or wholesaler.

3 It shall also be unlawful for any person to label,
4 designate, or sell any liquor using the word "Hawaii",
5 "Hawaiian", "Aloha State", "50th State", "Kauai", "Maui",
6 "Oahu", or "Honolulu" unless ~~[such]~~ one of the following
7 requirements is complied with:

- 8 (1) One or more of the primary ingredients are produced in
9 the state; or
- 10 (2) Regardless of the source of the ingredients, the
11 liquor is wholly ~~[or partially]~~ manufactured in the
12 ~~[State, and all]~~ state; or
- 13 (3) All of the primary ingredients are wholly ~~[rectified~~
14 ~~or combined]~~ fermented and, for liquor, distilled in
15 the ~~[State of Hawaii]~~ state, in compliance with the
16 ~~[Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms standards.]~~
17 standards of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade
18 Bureau; provided that the labeling requirements for
19 vineyards and wineries operating in the state shall
20 only require compliance with the standards of the
21 Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau.



1 A license shall constitute authority for the licensee to
2 sell only the liquor thereby authorized to be sold by the
3 licensee."

4 SECTION 2. Section 281-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

6 "(b) Class 1. Manufacturers' license. A license for the
7 manufacture of liquor shall authorize the licensee to
8 manufacture the liquor therein specified and to sell it at
9 wholesale in original packages to any person who holds a license
10 to resell it, and to sell draught beer [~~or~~], wine, or other
11 liquor manufactured from grapes, cane, or other fruits grown in
12 the [~~State~~] state in any quantity to any person for private use
13 and consumption. Under this license, no liquor shall be
14 consumed on the premises except as authorized by the commission.
15 Of this class, there shall be the following kinds:

- 16 (1) Beer;
17 (2) Wine;
18 (3) Alcohol; and
19 (4) Other specified liquor.

20 It shall be unlawful for any holder of a manufacturer's
21 license to have any interest whatsoever in the license or
22 licensed premises of any other licensee. This subsection shall



1 not prevent the holder of a beer class manufacturer's license
2 under this chapter or under the law of another jurisdiction from
3 maintaining any interest in the license or licensed premises of
4 a beer and wine class wholesale dealer licensee under this
5 chapter whose wholesaling is limited to beer, other than direct
6 ownership of a beer and wine class wholesale dealer's license,
7 or direct ownership of a partnership share, one or more shares
8 of stock, or similar proprietary stake in the holder of a beer
9 and wine class wholesale dealer's license."

10 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Liquor; Manufacturer's License; Labeling of "Hawaii" Products

Description:

Requires liquor labeled "Hawaii" or certain other references to Hawaii to be wholly manufactured in the state, or contain primary ingredients that are produced or fermented and distilled in the state. Exempts vineyards and wineries from this requirement. Allows the holder of a liquor manufacturer's license to sell liquor made from cane for private use and consumption. Effective January 1, 2050. (HB2960 HD2)

