

JAN 19 2018

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii is a highly
2 desirable vacation destination and visitors are looking for a
3 unique visitor experience. The popularity of short-term
4 vacation rentals has grown enormously in the last few years and
5 jurisdictions across the country are dealing with how to handle
6 this emerging enterprise.

7 The legislature finds that requiring operators who reside
8 in a different State or island from the location of their short-
9 term vacation rental to designate a licensed real estate broker
10 or salesperson as the local contact is important to protect
11 consumers.

12 The purpose of this Act is to protect consumers of short-
13 term vacation rentals by requiring local contacts for transient
14 accommodations to be real estate brokers or real estate
15 salespersons.



1 SECTION 2. Section 237D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "local contact" to read as
3 follows:

4 "Local contact" means ~~[an individual]~~ a real estate broker
5 or real estate salesperson, licensed under chapter 467, residing
6 on the same island as the transient accommodation or resort time
7 share vacation unit ~~[or an entity with a place of business and~~
8 ~~at least one employee, officer, partner, member, or other person~~
9 ~~working on behalf of the company who is residing on the same~~
10 ~~island as the transient accommodation or resort time share~~
11 ~~vacation unit]~~."

12 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Transient Accommodations; Local Contact

Description:

Requires transient accommodations operators to designate local contacts who are licensed real estate brokers or salespersons.

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