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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREWORKS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the use of consumer  
2 fireworks causes fires and burn injuries, mostly to children.  
3 Fireworks produce excessive smoke that makes breathing  
4 difficult. Noise from loud fireworks traumatizes many  
5 residents, including war veterans and pets. With the increase  
6 in fireworks-related calls, public safety agencies are strained  
7 to maintain adequate response levels for other critical  
8 emergencies. The legislature further finds that people in the  
9 State and its communities deserve to live in peace and security  
10 without the public safety risk and disruptive impact of  
11 fireworks.

12           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to limit the use of  
13 consumer fireworks by:

14           (1) Authorizing the sale and use of consumer fireworks  
15           only for cultural purposes; and



(2) Discontinuing the authorization of the non-cultural use of consumer fireworks on New Year's Eve, the Fourth of July, and Chinese New Year's Day.

The legislature notes that this Act is not intended to prohibit the use by licensed professionals of display fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, and aerial devices.

SECTION 2. Section 132D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows:

1. By amending the definition of "consumer fireworks" to read:

"Consumer fireworks" ~~[means]~~:

(1) Means any fireworks designed primarily for retail sale to the public ~~[during authorized dates and times,]~~ that produces visible or audible effects by combustion, and that is designed to remain on or near the ground and, while stationary or spinning rapidly on or near the ground, emits smoke, a shower of colored sparks, whistling effects, flutter sparks, or balls of colored sparks, and includes combination items that contain one or more of these effects.

"Consumer fireworks" shall comply with the



1 construction, chemical composition, and labeling  
2 regulations of the United States Consumer Product  
3 Safety Commission as set forth in Title 16 Code of  
4 Federal Regulations and fireworks classified as UN0336  
5 and UN0337 by the United States Department of  
6 Transportation as set forth in Title 49 Code of  
7 Federal Regulations[~~— "Consumer fireworks" include~~  
8 ~~firework items~~]; and

9 (2) Includes fireworks commonly known as firecrackers that  
10 are single paper cylinders not exceeding one and one-  
11 half inches in length excluding the fuse and one-  
12 quarter of an inch in diameter and contain a charge of  
13 not more than fifty milligrams of pyrotechnic  
14 composition, snakes, sparklers, fountains, and  
15 cylindrical or cone fountains that emit effects up to  
16 a height not greater than twelve feet above the  
17 ground, illuminating torches, bamboo cannons,  
18 whistles, toy smoke devices, wheels, and ground  
19 spinners that when ignited remain within a circle with  
20 a radius of twelve feet as measured from the point  
21 where the item was placed and ignited, novelty or



1           trick items, combination items, and other fireworks of  
2           like construction that are designed to produce the  
3           same or similar effects."

4           2. By amending the definition of "cultural" to read:

5           ""Cultural" means relating to the arts, customs,  
6           traditions, mores, and history of ~~[all of]~~ the various ethnic  
7           groups of Hawaii~~[-]~~ and includes religious events."

8           SECTION 3. Section 132D-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9           amended to read as follows:

10          "~~§132D-3 [Permissible uses]~~ Use of consumer fireworks[-  
11 ~~Consumer fireworks may be]~~; prohibition; exceptions. It shall  
12 be unlawful for any person to set off, [ignited, discharged, or  
13 ~~otherwise caused]~~ ignite, discharge, or otherwise cause to  
14 explode within the State [only:-

15          ~~(1) From 9:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve to 1:00 a.m. on New~~  
16 ~~Year's Day; from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Chinese New~~  
17 ~~Year's Day; and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the~~  
18 ~~Fourth of July; or~~

19          ~~(2) From]~~ any consumer fireworks, except for the purposes  
20 of a cultural event from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. as  
21 allowed by permit pursuant to section 132D-10 [if the



1           ~~proposed cultural use is to occur at any time other~~  
2           ~~than during the periods prescribed in paragraph (1)];~~  
3 provided that the purchase of not more than five thousand  
4 individual consumer fireworks commonly known as firecrackers  
5 shall be allowed under each permit."

6           SECTION 4. Section 132D-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8           "**§132D-5 General prohibitions.** (a) [It] In addition to  
9 the prohibition under section 132D-3, it shall be unlawful for  
10 any person [without a permit issued under section 132D-10 by a  
11 county fire department] to:

12           (1) Remove or extract the pyrotechnic contents from any  
13           fireworks;

14           (2) Throw any ignited fireworks:

15               (A) From, at, or into a vehicle;

16               (B) At a person or an animal; and

17               (C) From above the first floor of any building; or

18           (3) Set off, ignite, discharge, or otherwise cause to  
19           explode any fireworks:

20               (A) Above the first floor of any building;

21               (B) In any vehicle;



1           ~~[(C)]~~ ~~At any time not within the periods for use~~  
2           ~~prescribed in section 132D-3,~~

3           ~~+(D)]~~ (C) Within one thousand feet of any operating  
4           hospital, licensed convalescent home, licensed  
5           home for the elderly, zoo, licensed animal  
6           shelter, or licensed animal hospital;

7           ~~[(E)]~~ (D) In any school building, or on any school  
8           grounds and yards without first obtaining  
9           authorization from appropriate school officials;

10          ~~[(F)]~~ (E) On any highway, alley, street, sidewalk, or  
11          other public way; in any park; on any public  
12          beach; in any officially designated forest or  
13          wildlife preserve; within fifty feet of a  
14          canefield; or within one thousand feet of any  
15          building used for public worship during the  
16          periods when services are held; and

17          ~~[(G)]~~ (F) Within five hundred feet of any hotel.

18          (b)   ~~[(H)]~~ Except for use at a cultural event by permit  
19          pursuant to section 132D-10, it shall be unlawful to purchase or  
20          possess consumer fireworks ~~[more than five calendar days before~~



1 ~~the time periods for permissible use under section 132D-3.]~~  
2 within the State.

3 (c) ~~[It]~~ Except for use at a cultural event by permit  
4 pursuant to section 132D-10, it shall be unlawful to offer,  
5 expose for sale, sell, or furnish consumer fireworks ~~[after~~  
6 ~~12:01 a.m. on New Year's Day, 6:00 p.m. on Chinese New Year's~~  
7 ~~Day, and 8:00 p.m. on the Fourth of July.]~~ to any person within  
8 the State."

9 SECTION 5. Section 132D-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

11 "(d) It shall be unlawful for any licensee, other than a  
12 wholesaler who is selling or transferring fireworks or articles  
13 pyrotechnic to a licensed retailer, to sell or offer to sell,  
14 exchange for consideration, give, transfer, or donate any  
15 fireworks or articles pyrotechnic at any time to any person who  
16 does not present a permit duly issued as required by section  
17 132D-10 or 132D-16. The permit shall be signed by the seller or  
18 transferor at the time of sale or transfer of the fireworks or  
19 articles pyrotechnic, and the seller or transferor shall  
20 indicate on the permit the amount and type of fireworks or  
21 articles pyrotechnic sold or transferred. No person shall sell



1 or deliver fireworks to any permittee in any amount in excess of  
2 the amount specified in the permit, less the amount shown on the  
3 permit to have been previously purchased; provided that no  
4 fireworks shall be sold to a permittee holding a permit issued  
5 for purposes of section 132D-3, more than five calendar days  
6 before the applicable [~~time period under section 132D-3.~~]  
7 cultural event."

8 SECTION 6. Section 132D-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "§132D-10 Permits[-] for the purchase and use of  
11 fireworks. A permit shall be required for the purchase and use  
12 of:

13 (1) Any consumer fireworks [~~commonly known as firecrackers~~  
14 ~~upon payment of a fee of \$25;~~] for cultural events,  
15 the fee for which shall be \$25 per permit; and

16 (2) Any aerial devices, display fireworks, or articles  
17 pyrotechnic for the purposes of section 132D-16 [~~upon~~  
18 ~~payment of a fee of \$110; and~~

19 ~~(3) Any consumer fireworks for the purposes of section~~  
20 ~~132D-5 or for cultural uses that occur at any time~~  
21 ~~other than during the periods prescribed in section~~





1           ~~132D-3(1) upon a payment of a fee of \$25.]~~, the fee  
2           for which shall be \$110 per permit."

3           SECTION 7. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
4           matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
5           begun before its effective date.

6           SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
7           and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8           SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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**Report Title:**

State Fire Council Package; Fireworks; Cultural Events;  
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**Description:**

Imposes a statewide limitation on the sale and use of consumer fireworks, except by permit for cultural events.

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