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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, which makes breathing  
4 difficult. Noise from loud fireworks traumatizes many  
5 residents, including war veterans, as well as pets. With the  
6 increase in fireworks-related calls, public safety agencies are  
7 strained 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 consumer  
11 fireworks.

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

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

16           (2) Discontinuing the authorization of the noncultural use  
17               of consumer fireworks on the three designated



1           holidays, namely New Year's Eve, the Fourth of July,  
2           and Chinese New Year's Day.

3           This Act is not intended to prohibit the use of display  
4 fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, or aerial devices by licensed  
5 professionals.

6           SECTION 2. Section 132D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended by amending the definitions of "consumer fireworks" and  
8 "cultural" to read as follows:

9           ""Consumer fireworks" [means]:

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

19          "Consumer fireworks" shall comply with the  
20 construction, chemical composition, and labeling  
21 regulations of the United States Consumer Product



1 Safety Commission as set forth in Title 16 Code of  
2 Federal Regulations and fireworks classified as UN0336  
3 and UN0337 by the United States Department of  
4 Transportation as set forth in Title 49 Code of  
5 Federal Regulations [~~—"Consumer fireworks" include~~];  
6 and

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



1           like construction that are designed to produce the  
2           same or similar effects.

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

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

8           "~~§132D-3 [Permissible uses]~~ Use of consumer fireworks[-];  
9           is prohibited, except for use at cultural events. ~~[Consumer~~  
10          ~~fireworks may be]~~ It shall be unlawful for any person to set  
11          ~~off, [ignited, discharged,]~~ ignite, discharge or otherwise  
12          ~~[caused]~~ cause to explode any consumer fireworks within the  
13          State ~~[only].~~

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

18          ~~(2) From 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. as allowed by permit~~  
19          ~~pursuant to section 132D-10 if the proposed cultural~~  
20          ~~use is to occur at any time other than during the~~  
21          ~~periods prescribed in paragraph (1).]~~



1 except for cultural events conducted between 9:00 a.m. to  
2 9:00 p.m. as allowed by permit pursuant to section 132D-10;  
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)   ~~[-(I)]~~ Except for use at cultural events as authorized  
19          by permit pursuant to section 132D-10, it shall be unlawful to  
20          purchase or possess consumer fireworks ~~[more than five calendar~~



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

3 (c) ~~[It]~~ Except for use at cultural events as authorized  
4 by permit pursuant to section 132D-10, it shall be unlawful to  
5 offer, expose for sale, sell, or furnish consumer fireworks  
6 ~~[after 12:01 a.m. on New Year's Day, 6:00 p.m. on Chinese New~~  
7 ~~Year's Day, and 8:00 p.m. on the Fourth of July.]~~ to any person  
8 within 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  
17 section 132D-10 or 132D-16. The permit shall be signed by the  
18 seller or transferor at the time of sale or transfer of the  
19 fireworks or articles pyrotechnic, and the seller or transferor  
20 shall 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]~~ to be used during cultural  
15 events, the fee for which shall be \$25 [~~]~~ per permit;  
16 and

17 (2) Any aerial devices, display fireworks, or articles  
18 pyrotechnic for the purposes of section 132D-16 [~~upon~~  
19 ~~payment of a fee of]~~, the fee for which shall be  
20 \$110 [~~]~~ and



1       ~~(3) Any consumer fireworks for the purposes of section~~  
 2           ~~132D-5 or for cultural uses that occur at any time~~  
 3           ~~other than during the periods prescribed in~~  
 4           ~~section 132D-3(1) upon a payment of a fee of \$25.] per~~  
 5           ~~permit."~~

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

9           SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11          SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Hawaii State Fire Council Package; Fireworks; Restrictions

**Description:**

Imposes a statewide limitation on consumer fireworks, except by permit for use at cultural events.

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