
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NOISE.

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

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

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

4 "[~~§~~§342F-30.8[~~§~~] Leaf blowers; weed whackers;
5 restrictions. (a) In any urban land use district, as
6 designated pursuant to section 205-2, it shall be unlawful for
7 any person to operate a leaf blower or weed whacker within a
8 residential zone or within one hundred feet of a residential
9 zone in the State, except between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and
10 [~~6:00~~] 7:00 p.m. on any day except Sunday or a state or federal
11 holiday, and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and [~~6:00~~] 7:00 p.m.
12 on Sunday or any state or federal holiday[~~-~~]; provided that
13 government entities, and agents acting on behalf of government
14 entities, may use weed whackers during the prohibited hours in
15 the case of an emergency as defined in section 127A-2."

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



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

4 (d) Any county may adopt a rule or ordinance that places
5 stricter limitations on the use of leaf blowers or weed whackers
6 than are in this section. In case of a conflict between the
7 requirements or limitations of this section and any county rule
8 or ordinance regarding the use of leaf blowers[~~7~~] or weed
9 whackers, the more restrictive requirements shall apply.

10 (e) For the purposes of this section:

11 "Leaf blower" means any machine used to blow leaves, dirt,
12 or other debris off sidewalks, driveways, lawns, and other
13 surfaces.

14 "State holiday" means any day established as a state
15 holiday in section 8-1.

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

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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



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



Report Title:

Weed Whackers; Leaf Blowers; Noise Regulations; Additional Restrictions

Description:

Makes it unlawful for any person to operate a weed whacker in or within one hundred feet of a residential zone, subject to certain exceptions. Extends the time for the use of leaf blowers and weed whackers within or near residential zones. Provides exceptions for government entities and agents acting on behalf of government entities during emergencies. Defines weed whacker. (CD1)

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