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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HUNTING GUIDES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that guided hunting tours
2 help manage game populations, provide a livelihood for hunting
3 guides, and help drive Hawaii's economy. The legislature
4 further finds that, with the rising popularity of guided hunting
5 tours, some hunting guides are taking their clients to hunt on
6 private lands without obtaining permission from the landowners,
7 and landowners have alarmingly witnessed unknown persons walking
8 on their land with guns or other weapons. While existing law
9 prohibits hunters from hunting on private lands without first
10 obtaining permission from the landowner, some hunting guides
11 misrepresent to their clients that they have obtained verbal
12 permission from the landowner, leading to disagreements and
13 allegations of trespassing, which damages the reputation of the
14 State's guided hunting tour industry.

15 The purpose of this Act is to require hunting guides to:



1 (1) Obtain written permission from the owners of private
2 lands before taking their clients to hunt on the
3 private land; and

4 (2) Submit a copy of the written permission to the
5 department of land and natural resources as part of
6 their annual reports.

7 SECTION 2. Section 183D-25.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

9 "(c) Hunting guides shall [~~provide~~] submit an annual
10 report of their guide activities to the department [~~of their~~
11 ~~guide activities that~~] within thirty days after the expiration
12 of their hunting guide licenses issued pursuant to this section.
13 The annual report shall include [the number of clients served
14 and the clients' residency status. The reports shall be
15 submitted within thirty days after the expiration of the hunting
16 guide license issued pursuant to this section. The failure]:

- 17 (1) The number of clients served;
- 18 (2) The clients' residency status;
- 19 (3) The location of each guided hunt;
- 20 (4) A copy of the written permission from the owner or
21 duly appointed agent of the land or premises effective



1 at the time of the guided hunt that was issued to the
 2 hunting guide pursuant to section 183D-26(b) for each
 3 guided hunt that occurred on private land; and
 4 (5) Other information as required by the department.

5 Failure to submit an annual report within the time specified
 6 shall be grounds for the revocation and nonrenewal of the
 7 hunting guide license."

8 SECTION 3. Section 183D-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 9 amended to read as follows:

10 "**§183D-26 Hunting on private lands prohibited.** (a) No
 11 person shall enter upon any land or premises belonging to, held,
 12 or occupied by another, for the purpose of hunting or to take
 13 any kind of wildlife, including game, without first having
 14 obtained permission from the owner or a duly appointed agent [~~—~~
 15 ~~if~~]; provided that the owner is the occupier or holder [~~—~~~~or if~~]
 16 of the land or premises; provided further that, if the owner has
 17 let another occupy or hold the [~~same, without having first~~
 18 ~~obtained~~] land or premises, the permission [~~of~~] shall be
 19 obtained from the occupier or holder [~~thereof~~], or the duly
 20 appointed agent of the occupier or holder [~~—~~] of the land or
 21 premises.



S.B. NO. 2546

Report Title:

DLNR, Hunting Guides; Private Land; Annual Reports; Written Permission

Description:

Requires hunting guides who take their clients to hunt on private lands to first obtain written permission from the owner of the private land, or occupier or holder, where appropriate. Requires hunting guides to provide copies of the written permissions obtained to hunt on private lands as part of their annual reports to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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