
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LIQUOR LICENSES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 281-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (j) to read as follows:
3 "(j) Class 10. Special license.
4 (1) A special license may be granted for the sale of
5 liquor for a period not to exceed three days [and
6 pursuant to commission rule may be approved by the
7 administrator for] per application. Special licenses
8 for certain fundraising events by nonprofit
9 organizations, political candidates, and political
10 parties[+], pursuant to commission rule, may be
11 approved by the administrator; provided that any
12 registered educational or charitable nonprofit
13 organization may sell liquors in their original
14 packages for off-premises consumption; provided
15 further that any social club granted tax-exempt status
16 pursuant to section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue
17 Code of 1986, as amended, may sell wine from the



1 social club's inventory to the club's members for off-
2 premises consumption. Of this class, there shall be
3 the following kinds:

4 (A) General (includes all liquor except alcohol);
5 (B) Beer and wine; and
6 (C) Beer.

7 Liquor sold under a class 10 license [shall] may be
8 consumed on the premises[.] or removed from the
9 premises in its original sealed container for off-
10 premises consumption, where not prohibited by law.

11 (2) Notwithstanding any other section of this chapter to
12 the contrary, the commission shall waive any hearings,
13 fees, notarization of documents, submission of floor
14 plans and other governmental clearances, and other
15 requirements for the issuance of a class 10 license.

16 The class 10 license granted under this subsection for
17 a fundraising event shall include the ability to
18 auction off, at a live or silent auction, liquor in
19 sealed or covered glass, ceramic, or metal containers
20 or services that provide liquor. No criminal history
21 record check under section 281-53.5 or 846-2.7 or any



1 other section of this chapter shall be required. The
2 commission may require proof of liquor liability
3 insurance for the fundraising event and a current list
4 of officers and directors if the applicant is a
5 nonprofit organization."

6 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: 

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Report Title:

Liquor Licenses; Class 10

Description:

Authorizes liquor sold through a Class 10 license to be consumed on or off premises, under certain conditions.

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