
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LIQUOR LICENSES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the current
2 manufacturing limitations placed on small craft producer
3 licensees does not properly support local manufacturing.
4 Instead, the aim should be to support the State's local
5 producers and provide a reasonable increase to production
6 limitations to more accurately reflect consumer demand in the
7 State.

8 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to authorize an
9 increase in the volume of manufactured alcoholic beverages
10 permissible under a small craft producer pub license in the
11 State.

12 SECTION 2. Section 281-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by amending subsection (r) to read as follows:

14 "(r) Class 18. Small craft producer pub license. A small
15 craft producer pub licensee:

16 (1) Shall manufacture not more than:



1 (A) [~~Seventy~~] One hundred fifty thousand barrels of
2 malt beverages;

3 (B) [~~Twenty~~] Forty thousand barrels of wine; or

4 (C) [~~Seven~~] Twenty thousand [~~five hundred~~] barrels of
5 alcohol on the licensee's premises during the
6 license year;

7 provided that for purposes of this paragraph, "barrel"
8 means a container not exceeding thirty-one gallons or
9 wine gallons of liquor;

10 (2) May sell malt beverages, wine, or alcohol manufactured
11 on the licensee's premises for consumption on the
12 premises;

13 (3) May sell malt beverages, wine, or alcohol manufactured
14 by the licensee in producer-sealed packages to class 3
15 wholesale dealer licensees pursuant to conditions
16 imposed by the county by ordinance or rule;

17 (4) May sell intoxicating liquor purchased from a class 3
18 wholesale dealer licensee to consumers for consumption
19 on the licensee's premises. The categories of
20 establishments shall be as follows:

21 (A) A standard bar; or



1 (B) Premises in which live entertainment or recorded
2 music is provided. Facilities for dancing by the
3 patrons may be permitted as provided by
4 commission rules;

5 (5) May, subject to federal labeling and bottling
6 requirements, sell malt beverages manufactured on the
7 licensee's premises to consumers in producer-sealed
8 kegs and recyclable or reusable containers and sell
9 malt beverages manufactured on the licensee's premises
10 or purchased from a class 1 manufacturer licensee, a
11 class 3 wholesale dealer licensee, a class 14 brewpub
12 licensee, or a class 18 small craft producer pub
13 licensee to consumers in growlers for off-premises
14 consumption; provided that for purposes of this
15 paragraph, "growler" means a recyclable or reusable
16 container that does not exceed one gallon, which shall
17 be securely sealed;

18 (6) May, subject to federal labeling and bottling
19 requirements, sell wine or alcohol manufactured on the
20 licensee's premises in recyclable containers provided



1 by the licensee or by the consumer [~~which~~] that do not
2 exceed:

3 (A) One gallon per container for wine; and

4 (B) One [~~liter~~] and three-quarter liters for alcohol;
5 and

6 are securely sealed on the licensee's premises to
7 consumers for off-premises consumption;

8 (7) Shall comply with all requirements pertaining to class
9 4 retail dealer licensees when engaging in the retail
10 sale of malt beverages, wine, and alcohol;

11 (8) May, subject to federal labeling and bottling
12 requirements, sell malt beverages, wine, and alcohol
13 manufactured on the licensee's premises in
14 producer-sealed containers directly to class 2
15 restaurant licensees, class 3 wholesale dealer
16 licensees, class 4 retail dealer licensees, class 5
17 dispenser licensees, class 6 club licensees, class 8
18 transient vessel licensees, class 9 tour or cruise
19 vessel licensees, class 10 special licensees, class 11
20 cabaret licensees, class 12 hotel licensees, class 13
21 caterer licensees, class 14 brewpub licensees, class



1 15 condominium hotel licensees, class 18 small craft
2 producer pub licensees, and consumers pursuant to
3 conditions imposed by county ordinances or rules
4 governing class 1 manufacturer licensees and class 3
5 wholesale dealer licensees;

6 (9) May conduct the activities under paragraphs (1) [to]
7 through (8) at locations other than the licensee's
8 premises; provided that:

9 (A) The manufacturing takes place in [~~Hawaii~~] the
10 State;

11 (B) Each of the other locations:

12 (i) Operates within the State under the same
13 trade name for the premises; and

14 (ii) Is properly licensed within the county of
15 its operation as a class 1 manufacturer
16 licensee, class 2 restaurant licensee, class
17 4 retail dealer licensee, class 5 dispenser
18 licensee, class 12 hotel licensee, class 14
19 brewpub licensee, or class 18 small craft
20 producer pub licensee;



(C) The county liquor commission of the county in which the licensee satellite is located shall have jurisdiction of the satellite; and

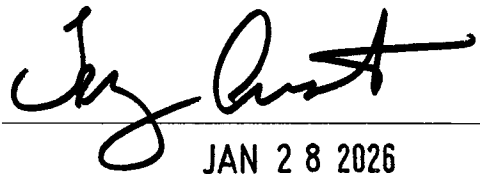
(D) All requirements of the license class of the location shall be in effect as required by the county liquor commission for the satellite licensed premises; and

(10) May allow minors, who are accompanied by a parent or legal guardian of legal drinking age, on the licensee's premises."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Liquor Licensing; Small Craft Producer Pub; Manufacturing Limits; Recyclable Containers; Increase

Description:

Authorizes an increase in the volume of manufactured alcoholic beverages permissible under a small craft producer pub license. Increases the amount of alcohol manufactured on small craft producer pub licensees' premises that may be sold in recyclable containers.

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