

ACT 37

H.B. NO. 1640

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Importation of Liquor for Trade Shows.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 281, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read:

**“Sec. 281- Permits for trade shows.** Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, any trade exhibitor or trade organization may apply to the liquor commission and be issued, for a nominal fee, a permit to receive liquor from outside the State for display and sampling on a not-for-sale basis at trade exhibitions, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) A bond equal to the declared value shall be posted with and payable to the liquor commission which bond would be forfeited should the exhibitor fail to comply with the terms of the permit;

- (2) All applicable state and other taxes shall be paid;
- (3) Within thirty days after the close of the exhibition the permittee will provide proof to the liquor commission that all liquor not disposed of by the end of the trade exhibition has been sold to a licensed wholesaler, destroyed under the supervision of the liquor commission or re-exported;
- (4) The value of liquor covered by the permit shall not exceed f.o.b. (free on board) \$2,000 per exhibitor;
- (5) The dispensing of not-for-sale samples by consumption shall take place only at the trade exhibition site during the hours between which licensed premises of dispensers are permitted to be opened for the transaction of business in the county where the premises are located; and
- (6) No liquor shall leave the trade exhibition site, except as provided in paragraph (3) above."

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.\*

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

(Approved May 12, 1979.)

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\*The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.