

ACT 172

H.B. NO. 2500

A Bill for an Act Relating to Thrill Craft.

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

SECTION 1. Section 200-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definition of “thrill craft” to read:

““Thrill craft” means any motorized vessel that falls into the category of personal watercraft, and which [is]:

- (1) Is generally less than thirteen feet in length as manufactured[, is];
- (2) Is generally capable of exceeding a speed of twenty miles per hour[, and has the capacity to carry not more than the operator and one other person while in operation.]; and
- (3) Can be operated by a single operator, but may have the capacity to carry passengers while in operation.

The term includes, but is not limited to, a jet ski, waverunner, wet bike, surf jet, miniature speed boat, [and] hovercraft[.], and every description of vessel which uses an internal combustion engine powering a water jet pump as its primary source of motive propulsion, and is designed to be operated by a person or persons sitting, standing, or kneeling on, or being towed behind the vessel.”

SECTION 2. Section 267-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definition of “thrill craft” to read:

““Thrill craft” means any motorized vessel that falls into the category of personal watercraft, and which [is]:

- (1) Is generally less than thirteen feet in length as manufactured[, is];
- (2) Is generally capable of exceeding a speed of twenty miles per hour[, and has the capacity to carry not more than the operator and one other person while in operation.]; and
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SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

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

(Approved June 12, 1992.)