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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MARINE EVENTS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that regattas and marine  
2 parades are events that promote the State's natural beauty and  
3 ocean resources and that serve to generate community and  
4 international goodwill. However, these events require more than  
5 one year of advance planning, because event organizers must  
6 typically address issues such as funding, marketing and  
7 promotion, community outreach, rules, logistics, safety  
8 procedures, and insurance requirements. The legislature  
9 recognizes that event organizers experience hardships when the  
10 department of land and natural resources is unable to approve or  
11 deny permit applications well in advance of proposed events.

12           The purpose of this Act is to encourage responsible  
13 planning of and preparation for regattas and marine parades by  
14 requiring:

15           (1) Event organizers to submit permit applications at  
16           least one year and thirty days before a proposed  
17           event; and



1           (2) The department of land and natural resources to grant  
2                    or deny permits no less than one year before a  
3                    proposed event.

4           SECTION 2. Chapter 200, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately  
6 designated and to read as follows:

7           "§200-        Regattas and marine parades; permits;  
8 cancellation fee. (a) No person shall hold a regatta or marine  
9 parade without the department's authorization, except that the  
10 department's authorization is not required if prior  
11 authorization has been secured from the Coast Guard.

12           (b) Authorization shall be in the form of a permit. All  
13 permit applications shall be on a form prescribed by the  
14 department.

15           (c) Permit applications shall be submitted to the  
16 department no less than one year and thirty days before the  
17 start of a proposed event. The department shall have at least  
18 thirty days to process and review a permit application upon its  
19 receipt. The department shall grant or deny a permit no less  
20 than one year before the start of a proposed event.



1        (d) If an applicant who has been granted a permit under  
2 this section cancels the event with ninety or fewer days' notice  
3 to the department before the starting date of the proposed  
4 event, the department may assess a cancellation fee. The amount  
5 of the fee shall be determined by the department.

6        (e) The department shall adopt rules, pursuant to chapter  
7 91, necessary to effectuate this section.

8        (f) As used in this section, "regatta" or "marine parade"  
9 means an organized water event of limited duration that is  
10 conducted according to a prearranged schedule, and by its  
11 nature, circumstances, or location, will introduce extra or  
12 unusual hazards to the safety of persons or property on the  
13 waters of the State."

14        SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
15 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
16 begun before its effective date.

17        SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.



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1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Boating Law; Regattas; Marine Parades; Permits; Cancellation

**Description:**

Requires the submission of permit applications for regattas or marine parades to DLNR at least 1 year and 30 days before a proposed event. Requires DLNR to grant or deny permits no less than 1 year before a proposed event. Allows DLNR to assess cancellation fees.

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