
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ALCOHOL.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 244D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "beer" to read as follows:

3 "Beer" means any alcoholic beverage containing no less
4 than 0.5 per cent alcohol by volume and obtained by the
5 fermentation or any infusion or decoction of [barley,] malt,
6 [hops, or any other similar product, or any combination thereof
7 in water, and] wholly or in part, or any substitute therefor,
8 including grain of any kind, bran, glucose, sugar, or molasses.
9 "Beer" includes ale, porter, brown, stout, lager beer, small
10 beer, [and] strong beer, and alcoholic seltzer beverages, but
11 does not include sake, known as Japanese rice wine, or cooler
12 beverage."

13 SECTION 2. Section 281-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by amending the definition of "beer" to read as follows:

15 "Beer" means any alcoholic beverage containing no less
16 than 0.5 per cent alcohol by volume and obtained by the
17 alcoholic fermentation of any infusion or decoction of [barley



1 ~~or other grain,]~~ malt, [~~and hops in water.~~] wholly or in part,
2 or any substitute therefor, including grain of any kind, bran,
3 glucose, sugar, or molasses."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

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

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Report Title:

Alcohol, Beer; Definition

Description:

Expands the definition of "beer" to specify an alcohol by volume of no less than 0.5 percent and to include alcoholic seltzer beverages.

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