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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE PARKS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 184, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§184-       Permits for weddings in state parks. (a) The  
5 department shall issue permits to companies engaged in the  
6 business of providing wedding services to allow the companies to  
7 conduct weddings in state parks.

8           (b) Permits issued pursuant to this section shall be  
9 limited to companies providing wedding services for wedding  
10 parties containing fewer than twenty-five persons. Wedding  
11 services support personnel shall not be included in the twenty-  
12 five person limit. For purposes of this section, "wedding  
13 services support personnel" includes photographers,  
14 videographers, wedding coordinators, and wedding officiants.

15           (c) Applications for a permit shall be submitted to the  
16 department no less than forty-five days before the initial date



1 of use being requested and shall specify the park area being  
2 requested for use.

3 (d) The application fee for the permit shall be \$400.

4 (e) A permit issued pursuant to this section shall be  
5 valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance.

6 (f) The department may restrict the number of yearly  
7 permits issued for specific park areas.

8 (g) The department may deny the issuance of a permit when:

9 (1) The maximum number of permits, as set by the  
10 department, for the same park area applied for has  
11 already been granted;

12 (2) The wedding service presents a clear and present  
13 danger to public health or safety;

14 (3) The wedding service in the particular park area  
15 applied for:

16 (A) Is of a nature or duration that cannot reasonably  
17 be accommodated;

18 (B) Will significantly interfere or conflict with the  
19 public's general use and enjoyment; or

20 (C) Will threaten, endanger, or disturb the natural  
21 and historical resources; and



1       (4) The application or request for a permit is not  
2       received by the department within the times specified  
3       in subsection (c).

4       (h) A permit issued pursuant to this section may contain  
5       conditions relating to the protection and use of the park area  
6       for the purposes for which it is maintained, reasonable  
7       limitations on the time and area within which the wedding  
8       service is permitted, and any requirements for liability  
9       insurance coverage.

10       (i) A permit issued pursuant to this section shall cover  
11       all wedding services support personnel associated with the  
12       company to which the permit is issued.

13       (j) A company issued a permit pursuant to this section,  
14       for the purposes of conducting wedding services, may use props;  
15       provided that all props are set up no more than one hour before  
16       the wedding service and are removed from the state park within  
17       one hour of the completion of the wedding service. For purposes  
18       of this section, "props" includes tents or canopies no larger  
19       than ten feet in height and ten feet in width, chairs, and  
20       tables.

21       (k) A company that is issued a permit pursuant to this  
22       section shall comply with all other applicable rules and laws."



1 SECTION 2. The chairperson of the board of land and  
2 natural resources shall establish a program for annual training  
3 for employees in the department of land and natural resources'  
4 division of conservation and resources enforcement. The purpose  
5 of the program shall be to make all employees of the division of  
6 conservation and resources enforcement aware of the permit  
7 requirements for the use of state parks under all applicable  
8 laws and rules.

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ , or so  
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and  
12 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
13 year 2008-2009, to the department of land and natural resources  
14 for the establishment and implementation of a program for annual  
15 training of all employees of the department's division of  
16 conservation and resources enforcement in order to inform  
17 employees of the permit requirements for state park use.

18 The sums appropriated by this section shall be expended by  
19 the department of land and natural resources for the purposes of  
20 this section.

21 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
2 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2007.  
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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Creates a permit process to allow companies that provide wedding services to obtain annual permits to hold weddings in state parks.

