

APPENDIX - Hawaii Underage Drinking Laws

Hawaii Social Host Liability Law

Hawaii's Social Host Liability Law holds adults financially liable for hosting underage drinking on property they own, lease, or otherwise control.

The Hawaii Social Host Liability Law establishes criminal penalties of up to one year in jail, fines of up to \$1,000 or both for persons who furnish alcoholic beverages to anyone younger than age 21 (The previous law only prohibited adults from buying alcohol for minors). Under the new law, passed in 2003, adults who knowingly provide liquor to someone younger than age 21 or have knowledge of underage drinking on their property and could have prevented it can be held financially responsible for any third party injury that may occur from their provision.

Use and Lose Law for Under 21

The law states that any person under the age of 21 found to have consumed, possessed, or purchased alcohol shall have his/her driver's license, provisional license, or instruction permit suspended for a period of 180 days. The law applies also to the situations where youth falsify identification or use false identification to buy or attempt to buy alcohol. Under this law offenders are required to perform 75 hours of community service and undergo 8 -12 hours of alcohol education and counseling at the offender's or their parents' expense.