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## A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

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RELATING TO NALOXONE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this ordinance is to promote public health, safety, and welfare by enhancing access to naloxone hydrochloride ("naloxone").

Naloxone is a nonselective opioid receptor antagonist that reverses the effects of respiratory depression and sedation by displacing opioids from the mu-opioid receptor in the central nervous system. Timely administration of naloxone, usually within minutes of the first signs of an opioid overdose, can counter the overdose effects.

There is a prevalence of opioid-related deaths in Hawai'i. According to the Hawai'i State Department of Health, from August 2017 to August 2018, there were 59 deaths from an opioid overdose. This has only worsened: in 2020, that number increased to 274, a nearly 500% increase.

The chance of an overdose can drastically increase when opioids are combined with alcohol. The drugs can enhance each other's effects, causing a number of serious side effects and/or death.

Fortunately, naloxone has been proven to counter overdose effects and save lives. Naloxone is not a controlled substance and has no known abuse potential. Naloxone is a potentially life-saving treatment when used together with other appropriate measures (e.g. calling 911). Current evidence suggests that increasing access to naloxone has the potential to reduce opioid overdose deaths. Due to its life-saving benefits, naloxone has been approved by the FDA to be made available over-the-counter.

Accordingly, the City Council ("Council") finds that the opioid epidemic is a serious issue. Furthermore, the Council finds that establishments that primarily serve alcohol are particularly high-risk locations for opioid overdoses and that the accessibility of naloxone in these locations must be increased.

Therefore, this ordinance requires that certain classes, kinds, and categories of liquor-licensed establishments:

1. Maintain a certain amount of naloxone on their premises; and
2. Train managers in the proper administration of naloxone.



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SECTION 2. Chapter 34, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Regulation of Businesses"), is amended by adding a new article to be appropriately designated by the Revisor of Ordinances and to read as follows:

**"ARTICLE \_\_: NALOXONE**

**§ 34-\_\_ .1 Definitions.**

***Included business.*** A business licensed by the Honolulu liquor commission to sell or serve liquor and included in one or more of the following classes under State law:

1. Class 2: Restaurant license, as defined in HRS § 281-31(c);
2. Class 5: Dispenser license, as defined in HRS § 281-31(f);
3. Class 9: Tour or cruise vessel license, as defined in HRS § 281-31(i);
4. Class 11: Cabaret license, as defined in HRS § 281-31(k);
5. Class 14: Brewpub license, as defined in HRS § 281-31(n); and
6. Class 18: Small craft producer pub license, as defined in HRS § 281-31(r).

***Manager.*** The designated person duly registered with the Honolulu liquor commission as a manager or assistant manager who is in active charge of the licensed premises during the hours during which the business is permitted, under its license, to sell or serve liquor.

**§ 34-\_\_ .2 Requirement to provide naloxone.**

Included businesses must maintain a minimum of \_\_ doses of naloxone on their premises, which may be administered to an individual to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose.

**§ 34-\_\_ .3 Employee training.**

All managers of any included business must be trained in the proper administration of naloxone.



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**§ 34-\_\_4 Maintenance.**

Included businesses must:

- (1) Ensure that any naloxone required to be maintained on the premises is stored in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the manufacturer; and
- (2) Replace any doses of naloxone that are past their expiration date, as determined by the manufacturer.

**§ 34-\_\_5 Enforcing agency.**

The mayor shall designate a city agency to enforce the provisions of this article. A citation issued pursuant to this article must be referred to the Honolulu liquor commission for appropriate action under HRS § 281-38 ("Conditions of Licenses").

**§ 34-\_\_6 Protection from liability.**

Any person who provides or administers naloxone pursuant to this article is subject to the protection from liability of HRS § 663-1.5(a).

**§ 34-\_\_7 Civil penalty.**

Any business violating this article is subject to a fine of not more than \$200. Nothing in this article may be interpreted to preclude the Honolulu liquor commission from enforcing its own rules."




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SECTION 3. This ordinance takes effect on January 1, 2024.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

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City and County of Honolulu