
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 291-31.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) No person shall knowingly operate, affix or cause to
4 be affixed, display, or possess any lamp, reflector, or
5 illumination device [~~which~~] that appears to be the color blue,
6 or colors blue and red, upon any motor vehicle, motorcycle,
7 motor scooter, bicycle, or moped except for:

8 (1) [~~county~~] County law enforcement vehicles authorized
9 and approved by the chief of police of the county in
10 which the vehicle is operated; [~~or~~]

11 (2) [~~department~~] Department of public safety law
12 enforcement vehicles with blue and red lamps,
13 reflectors, or illumination devices authorized and
14 approved by the director of public safety[~~-~~]; or

15 (3) Department of land and natural resources division of
16 conservation and resources enforcement vehicles with
17 blue and red lamps, reflectors, or illumination



1 devices authorized and approved by the chairperson of
2 the board of land and natural resources.

3 This prohibition shall not apply to factory-installed instrument
4 illumination."

5 SECTION 2. Section 291C-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by amending the definition of "authorized emergency
7 vehicle" to read as follows:

8 "Authorized emergency vehicle" includes [~~such~~] fire
9 department vehicles, police vehicles, ambulances, [~~and~~] ocean
10 safety vehicles [~~as~~], public safety law enforcement vehicles,
11 and conservation and resources enforcement vehicles authorized
12 and approved pursuant to section 291-31.5 that are publicly
13 owned and [~~such~~] other publicly or privately owned vehicles [~~as~~
14 ~~are~~] designated as such by [~~the city or~~] a county council."

15 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



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Report Title:

Emergency Vehicles; Conservation and Resources Enforcement

Description:

Designates vehicles of the division of conservation and resources enforcement as authorized emergency vehicles. Authorizes emergency vehicles used by public safety officers and conservation and resources officers to have blue and red lights affixed to them. (HB714 CD1)

