

---

---

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 249-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:  
3           "(a) Upon receipt of the tax, the director of finance  
4 shall number and register the vehicle in the owner's name in a  
5 permanent record or book to be kept by the director for this  
6 purpose, and shall furnish the owner thereof with a receipt  
7 showing upon its face the license number issued for the vehicle  
8 and the fact that the license tax has been paid thereon for the  
9 whole or the remainder of the current year in which the receipt  
10 is issued. The director of finance shall also furnish the  
11 owner, upon the original registration of the vehicle, two number  
12 plates for the vehicle or one plate in the case of trailers,  
13 semitrailers, or motorcycles with the registration number marked  
14 thereon. Upon the payment of the tax for each year, a tag or  
15 emblem bearing a serial number and the month and year of  
16 expiration shall be provided to the owner[-]; provided that the  
17 tag or emblem shall be easily visible, readily identifiable, and  
18 distinguishable under actual traffic conditions. Transfer of



1 current number plates, tag, or emblem, except as authorized by  
2 this chapter or by chapter 286, is punishable by a fine of not  
3 more than \$50 for each offense."

4 SECTION 2. Section 286-61, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "**§286-61 Penalty.** Any person who violates sections 286-  
7 41, 286-42, 286-44.5 to 286-56.5, and 286-58 to 286-60 shall be  
8 fined not less than [~~\$5~~] \$200 nor more than [~~\$1,000~~] \$2,000;  
9 provided that any corporate owner of a motor vehicle who fails  
10 to register a motor vehicle as required by section 286-41(a)  
11 following a transfer of the vehicle between counties shall be  
12 fined \$1,000 for each violation. Any person who violates  
13 section 286-43, 286-44, or 286-57 shall be fined not less than  
14 \$5 and not more than \$1,000 [~~or~~], imprisoned not more than one  
15 year, or both."

16 SECTION 3. The director of finance of the city and county  
17 of honolulu shall improve the design of vehicle registration  
18 tags or emblems so that they are easily visible, readily  
19 identifiable, and distinguishable under actual traffic  
20 conditions, pursuant to section 249-7, Hawaii revised statutes;  
21 provided that the director shall coordinate with the directors  
22 of finance of each county to design a uniform tag or emblem



1 statewide. The new tags or emblems shall be distributed to  
2 vehicle owners no later than January 1, 2008.

3 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for the  
6 design of a new vehicle registration tag or emblem that is  
7 easily visible, readily identifiable, and distinguishable under  
8 actual traffic conditions.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the city and  
10 county of honolulu for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

14

INTRODUCED BY:

*Tom Brown*  
*Karl M. Wood*  
*Della A. Belatti*  
*Raymond H. Hansen*  
*J. M. Kuan*  
*Jyle B. Berg*



**Report Title:**

Vehicle Registration

**Description:**

Requires the director of finance to create a more easily visible license plate registration sticker, and appropriates funds for this purpose. Increases the penalties for driving without current registration.

