A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

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PART I.

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the legislature has 3 attempted to heighten pedestrian safety through various 4 proposals over the past several years. While each has been 5 successful in some ways, pedestrians continue to die on Hawaii's 6 streets as a result of accidents involving motor vehicles. The 7 mandate of legislation, in and of itself, does not alter 8 behavior or inattention to driving, consequences do. 9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act, to be known as the "Road 10 Responsibility Act of 2008", and more specifically, this part, is to heighten the penalties for certain traffic offenses such 11 12 that the consequences of noncompliance are severe enough to alter the unsafe driving behaviors that kill pedestrians. 13 SECTION 2. Section 291C-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 14 15 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows: 16 For any violation under this section, a surcharge of "(d) 17 [\$500] \$5,000 shall be imposed, in addition to any other



1 penalties, and shall be deposited into the neurotrauma special
2 fund."

3 SECTION 3. Section 291C-12.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "§291C-12.5 Accidents involving substantial bodily injury. 6 (a) The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting 7 in substantial bodily injury to any person shall immediately 8 stop the vehicle at the scene of the accident or as close 9 thereto as possible but shall then forthwith return to and in 10 every event shall remain at the scene of the accident until the 11 driver has fulfilled the requirements of section 291C-14. Every 12 such stop shall be made without obstructing traffic more than is 13 necessary.

14 (b) Any person who violates subsection (a) shall be guilty15 of a class C felony.

16 (c) For any violation under this section, a surcharge of
17 [\$250] \$1,000 shall be imposed, in addition to any other
18 penalties, and shall be deposited into the neurotrauma special
19 fund.

20 (d) The license or permit to drive and any nonresident
 21 operating privilege of the person so convicted shall be

22 revoked."



1 SECTION 4. Section 291C-12.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows: 3 "(c) For any violation under this section, a surcharge of 4 [\$100] \$250 shall be imposed, in addition to any other 5 penalties, and shall be deposited into the neurotrauma special 6 fund." 7 SECTION 5. Section 291C-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 8 amended to read as follows: 9 "§291C-13 Accidents involving damage to vehicle or 10 property. (a) The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident 11 resulting only in damage to a vehicle or other property that is 12 driven or attended by any person shall immediately stop such 13 vehicle at the scene of the accident or as close thereto as 14 possible, but shall forthwith return to, and in every event 15 shall remain at, the scene of the accident until the driver has 16 fulfilled the requirements of section 291C-14. Every such stop shall be made without obstructing traffic more than is 17 18 necessary. 19 (b) Any person who violates subsection (a) shall be guilty 20 of a petty misdemeanor. 21 (c) For any violation under this section, a surcharge of 22 \$100 shall be imposed, in addition to any other penalties." HB HMIA 45A-2008-2.doc



1	SECT	ION 6. Section 291C-72, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by	y amending subsection (e) to read as follows:
3	"§29	1C-72 Pedestrians' right-of-way in crosswalks.
4	(e)	Every person who violates this section shall be
5	subject to	o the following penalties:
6	(1)	For a first infraction, or any infraction not preceded
7		within one year by a prior violation of this section,
8		a fine of [\$150] <u>\$250</u> ;
9	(2)	For an infraction that occurs within one year of a
10		prior violation of this section, a fine of $[\$300]$ $\$500$
11		and revocation of the person's driver's license and
12		privilege to operate a vehicle for a period of
13		[ninety] one hundred eighty days; and
14	(3)	For an infraction that occurs within two years of two
15		prior violations of this section, and for the fourth
16		and each additional infraction of this section,
17		regardless of when committed, a fine of $[\$1,000,]$
18		\$1,500, and revocation of the person's driver's
19		license and privilege to operate a vehicle [for a
20		period of one hundred eighty days]."
21	SECT	ION 7. Section 291C-105, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

22 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:



1	"(c)	Any	person who violates this section shall be guilty
2	of a petty	y mis	demeanor and shall be sentenced as follows without
3	the possib	bilit	y of probation or suspension of sentence:
4	(1)	For	a first offense not preceded by a prior conviction
5		for	an offense under this section in the preceding
6		five	years:
7		(A)	A fine of [not less than \$500 and not more than]
8			\$1,000;
9		(B)	[Thirty day] <u>Sixty-day</u> prompt suspension of
10			license and privilege to operate a vehicle during
11			the suspension period, or the court may impose,
12			in lieu of the [thirty day] <u>sixty-day</u> prompt
13			suspension of license, a minimum [fifteen day]
14			thirty-day prompt suspension of license with
15			absolute prohibition from operating a vehicle
16			and, for the remainder of the [thirty day] <u>sixty-</u>
17			day period, a restriction on the license that
18			allows the person to drive for limited
19			work-related purposes;
20		(C)	Attendance in a course of instruction in driver
21			retraining;



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1		(D)	A surcharge of [$\frac{25}{25}$] $\frac{100}{200}$ to be deposited into
2			the neurotrauma special fund;
3		(E)	An assessment for driver education pursuant to
4			section 286G-3; and
5		(F)	Either one of the following:
6			(i) Thirty-six hours of community service work;
7			or
8			(ii) Not less than forty-eight hours and not more
9			than five days of imprisonment;
10	(2)	For	an offense that occurs within five years of a
11		prio	r conviction for an offense under this section,
12		by:	×
13		(A)	A fine of [not less than \$750 and not more than]
14			\$1,000;
15		(B)	Prompt suspension of license and privilege to
16			operate a vehicle for a period of [thirty] <u>ninety</u>
17			days with an absolute prohibition from operating
18			a vehicle during the suspension period;
19		(C)	Attendance in a course of instruction in driver
20			retraining;
21		(D)	A surcharge of $[\frac{\$25}{2}]$ $\frac{\$200}{2}$ to be deposited into
22			the neurotrauma special fund;



1		(E)	An assessment for driver education pursuant to
2			section 286G-3; and
3		(F)	Either one of the following:
4			(i) Not less than one hundred twenty hours of
5			community service work; or
6			(ii) Not less than five days but not more than
7			fourteen days of imprisonment of which at
8			least forty-eight hours shall be served
9			consecutively; and
10	(3)	For	an offense that occurs within five years of two
11		prio	r convictions for offenses under this section, by:
12		(A)	A fine of \$1,000;
13		(B)	Revocation of license and privilege to operate a
14			vehicle for a period of not less than [ninety]
15			one hundred and eighty days but not more than one
16			year;
17		(C)	Attendance in a course of instruction in driver
18			retraining;
19		(D)	No fewer than ten days but no more than thirty
20			days of imprisonment of which at least
21			[forty_cight] <u>seventy-two</u> hours shall be served
22			consecutively;



1	(E) A surcharge of $[\frac{25}{25}]$ $\frac{250}{525}$ to be deposited into
2	the neurotrauma special fund; and
3	(F) An assessment for driver education pursuant to
4	section 286G-3."
5	PART II.
6	SECTION 8. The legislature also finds that despite recent
7	efforts to pass legislation that reduces the incidence of
8	driving under the influence, traffic fatalities and accidents
9	caused by driving under the influence continue on the streets of
10	our state. Despite the negative consequences risked by those
11	that could be caught for driving under the influence, it is
12	obvious that some drivers choose to risk those consequences, and
13	the lives of other drivers and pedestrians. Driving under the
14	influence is not a victimless crime. It is akin to attempted
15	murder with a built in defense to proving the intent to commit
16	murder - an impaired state of mind. While it is ironic that an
17	integral part of the offense - intoxication or narcotics - also
18	provides what amounts to a defense to the much more serious
19	crime of murder or attempted murder, the damage caused by the
20	offense are nothing but tragic. Accordingly, the purpose of
21	this part is to amend state laws regarding driving under the
22	influence in such a way as to dramatically increase the negative
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1	consequences of such behavior, and hopefully, deter such				
2	behavior in the future.				
3	SECTI	ION 9. Section 291E-61, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is			
4	amended to	o read as follows:			
5		"PART IV. PROHIBITED CONDUCT			
6	§2911	E-61 Operating a vehicle under the influence of an			
7	intoxicant	t. (a) A person commits the offense of operating a			
8	vehicle un	nder the influence of an intoxicant if the person			
9	operates o	or assumes actual physical control of a vehicle:			
10	(1)	While under the influence of alcohol in an amount			
11		sufficient to impair the person's normal mental			
12		faculties or ability to care for the person and guard			
13		against casualty;			
14	(2)	While under the influence of any drug that impairs the			
15		person's ability to operate the vehicle in a careful			
16		and prudent manner;			
17	(3)	With .08 or more grams of alcohol per two hundred ten			
18		liters of breath; or			
19	(4)	With .08 or more grams of alcohol per one hundred			
20		milliliters or cubic centimeters of blood.			
21	(b)	A person committing the offense of operating a vehicle			
22	under the	influence of an intoxicant shall be sentenced as			



1	follows without possibility of probation or suspension of			
2	sentence:			
3	(1)	Excej	pt as provided in [paragraph] (2), for the first	
4		offei	nse, or any offense not preceded within a	
5		five	-year period by a conviction for an offense under	
6		this	section or section 291E-4(a):	
7		(A)	A fourteen-hour minimum substance abuse	
8			rehabilitation program, including education and	
9			counseling, or other comparable program deemed	
10			appropriate by the court;	
11		(B)	[Ninety-day] One hundred eighty-day prompt	
12			suspension of license and privilege to operate a	
13			vehicle during the suspension period, or the	
14			court may impose, in lieu of the [ninety day] <u>one</u>	
15			hundred eighty-day prompt suspension of license,	
16			a minimum [thirty day] <u>sixty</u> prompt suspension of	
17			license with absolute prohibition from operating	
18			a vehicle and, for the remainder of the	
19			[ninety day] <u>one hundred eighty-day</u> period, a	
20			restriction on the license that allows the person	
21			to drive for limited work-related purposes and to	



1		participate in substance abuse treatment			
2		programs;			
3		(C) [Any one or more] All of the following:			
4		(i) Seventy-two hours of community service work;			
5		(ii) Not less than forty-eight hours and not more			
6		than five days of imprisonment; or			
7		(iii) A fine of [not less than \$150 but not more			
8		than] \$1,000; and			
9		(D) A surcharge of $[\frac{\$25}{2}]$ $\frac{\$100}{2}$ to be deposited into			
10		the neurotrauma special fund;			
11	(2)	For a first offense committed by a highly intoxicated			
12		driver, or for any offense committed by a highly			
13		intoxicated driver not preceded within a five-year			
14		period by a conviction for an offense under this			
15		section or section 291E-4(a):			
16		(A) A [fourteen hour] <u>forty-hour</u> minimum substance			
17		abuse rehabilitation program, including education			
18		and counseling, or other comparable program			
19		deemed appropriate by the court;			
20		(B) Prompt suspension of a license and privilege to			
21		operate a vehicle for a period of [six] <u>twelve</u>			



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1	months with an absolute prohibition from
2	operating a vehicle during the suspension period;
3	(C) [Any one or more] All of the following:
4	(i) Seventy-two hours of community service work;
5	(ii) Not less than forty-eight hours and not more
6	than five days of imprisonment; or
7	(iii) A fine of [not less than \$150 but not more
8	than] \$1,000; [and]
9	(D) A surcharge of [$\frac{\$25}{100}$ to be deposited into
10	the neurotrauma special fund;
11	(3) For an offense that occurs within five years of a
12	prior conviction for an offense under this section or
13	section 291E-4(a) by:
14	(A) Prompt suspension of license and privilege to
15	operate a vehicle for a period of one year with
16	an absolute prohibition from operating a vehicle
17	during the suspension period;
18	(B) [Either] Both one of the following:
19	(i) Not less than two hundred forty hours of
20	community service work; or
21	(ii) Not less than five days but not more than
22	fourteen days of imprisonment of which at
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		least forty-eight hours shall be served
		consecutively;
	(C)	A fine of [not less than \$500 but not more than
		\$1,500] <u>\$2,000</u> ; [and]
	(D)	A surcharge of $[\frac{25}{25}]$ $\frac{200}{200}$ to be deposited into
		the neurotrauma special fund;
(4)	For	an offense that occurs within five years of two
	prio	r convictions for offenses under this section or
	sect	ion 291E-4(a):
	(A)	A fine of [not less than \$500 but not more than
		\$2,500] <u>\$3,000</u> ;
	(B)	Revocation of license and privilege to operate a
		vehicle for a period not less than [one year] <u>two</u>
		years but not more than five years;
	(C)	Not less than ten days but not more than thirty
		days imprisonment of which at least [forty cight]
		seventy-two hours shall be served consecutively;
	(D)	A surcharge of $[\frac{\$25}{3}]$ $\frac{\$500}{5}$ to be deposited into
		the neurotrauma special fund; and
	(E)	Forfeiture under chapter 712A of the vehicle
		owned and operated by the person committing the
		offense; provided that the department of
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1		transportation shall provide storage for vehicles
2		forfeited under this subsection; and
3	(5)	Any person eighteen years of age or older who is
4		convicted under this section and who operated a
5		vehicle with a passenger, in or on the vehicle, who
6		was younger than fifteen years of age, shall be
7		sentenced to an additional mandatory fine of $[\$500]$
8		<u>\$1,000</u> and an additional mandatory term of
9		imprisonment of [forty_cight] seventy-two hours;
10		provided that the total term of imprisonment for a
11		person convicted under this paragraph shall not exceed
12		the maximum term of imprisonment provided in paragraph
13		(1), (3), or (4).
14	(c)	Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any:
15	(1)	Conviction under this section, section 291E-4(a), or
16		section 291E-61.5;
17	(2)	Conviction in any other state or federal jurisdiction
18		for an offense that is comparable to operating or
19		being in physical control of a vehicle while having
20		either an unlawful alcohol concentration or an
21		unlawful drug content in the blood or urine or while
22		under the influence of an intoxicant or habitually



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1 operating a vehicle under the influence of an 2 intoxicant; or 3 Adjudication of a minor for a law violation that, if (3) committed by an adult, would constitute a violation of 4 5 this section or an offense under section 291E-4(a), or 6 section 291E-61.5; 7 shall be considered a prior conviction for the purposes of 8 imposing sentence under this section. Any judgment on a verdict 9 or a finding of guilty, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or 10 an adjudication in the case of a minor, that at the time of the 11 offense has not been expunded by pardon, reversed, or set aside 12 shall be deemed a prior conviction under this section. No 13 license and privilege suspension or revocation shall be imposed 14 pursuant to this section if the person's license and privilege 15 to operate a vehicle has previously been administratively 16 revoked pursuant to part III for the same act; provided that, if 17 the administrative suspension or revocation is subsequently 18 reversed, the person's license and privilege to operate a 19 vehicle shall be suspended or revoked as provided in this 20 section.

21 (d) Whenever a court sentences a person pursuant to
22 subsection (b), it also shall require that the offender be



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1 referred to the driver's education program for an assessment, by 2 a certified substance abuse counselor, of the offender's 3 substance abuse or dependence and the need for appropriate 4 treatment. The counselor shall submit a report with 5 recommendations to the court. The court shall require the 6 offender to obtain appropriate treatment if the counselor's 7 assessment establishes the offender's substance abuse or 8 dependence. All costs for assessment and treatment shall be 9 borne by the offender.

10 (e) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, 11 whenever a court revokes a person's driver's license pursuant to 12 this section, the examiner of drivers shall not grant to the 13 person a new driver's license until the expiration of the period 14 of revocation determined by the court. After the period of 15 revocation is completed, the person may apply for and the 16 examiner of drivers may grant to the person a new driver's 17 license.

(f) Any person sentenced under this section [may] shall be
ordered to reimburse the county for the cost of any blood or
urine tests conducted pursuant to section 291E-11. The court
shall order the person to make restitution in a lump sum, or in



1 a series of prorated installments, to the police department or 2 other agency incurring the expense of the blood or urine test. 3 (q) The requirement to provide proof of financial 4 responsibility pursuant to section 287-20 shall not be based 5 upon a sentence imposed under subsection (b)(1). 6 As used in this section, the term "examiner of (h) 7 drivers" has the same meaning as provided in section 286-2." 8 SECTION 10. Section 291E-61.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 9 amended to read as follows: 10 "§291E-61.5 Habitually operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant. (a) A person commits the offense 11 12 of habitually operating a vehicle under the influence of an 13 intoxicant if: 14 (1)The person is a habitual operator of a vehicle while 15 under the influence of an intoxicant; and 16 The person operates or assumes actual physical control (2) 17 of a vehicle: While under the influence of alcohol in an amount 18 (A) 19 sufficient to impair the person's normal mental faculties or ability to care for the person and 20 21 guard against casualty;



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1		(B)	While under the influence of any drug that
2			impairs the person's ability to operate the
3			vehicle in a careful and prudent manner;
4		(C)	With .08 or more grams of alcohol per two hundred
5			ten liters of breath; or
6		(D)	With .08 or more grams of alcohol per one hundred
7			milliliters or cubic centimeters of blood.
8	(b)	For t	the purposes of this section:
9	"Conv	victed	d three or more times for offenses of operating a
10	vehicle ur	nder t	the influence" means that, at the time of the
11	behavior f	Eor wł	nich the person is charged under this section, the
12	person had	d thre	ee or more times within ten years of the instant
13	offense:		
14	(1)	A juc	lgment on a verdict or a finding of guilty, or a
15		plea	of guilty or nolo contendere, for a violation of
16		this	section or section 291-4, 291-4.4, or 291-7 as
17		those	e sections were in effect on December 31, 2001, or
18		secti	ion 291E-61 or 707-702.5;
19	(2)	A juo	dgment on a verdict or a finding of guilty, or a
20		plea	of guilty or nolo contendere, for an offense that
21		is co	omparable to this section or section 291-4, 291-



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1 4.4, or 291-7 as those sections were in effect on 2 December 31, 2001, or section 291E-61 or 707-702.5; or 3 (3) An adjudication of a minor for a law or probation 4 violation that, if committed by an adult, would constitute a violation of this section or section 291-5 6 4, 291-4.4, or 291-7 as those sections were in effect 7 on December 31, 2001, or section 291E-61 or 707-702.5; 8 that, at the time of the instant offense, had not been expunged 9 by pardon, reversed, or set aside. All convictions that have 10 been expunged by pardon, reversed, or set aside prior to the 11 instant offense shall not be deemed prior convictions for the 12 purposes of proving the person's status as a habitual operator of a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant. 13 14 A person has the status of a "habitual operator of a

15 vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant" if the 16 person has been convicted three or more times within ten years 17 of the instant offense, for offenses of operating a vehicle 18 under the influence of an intoxicant.

19 (c) Habitually operating a vehicle while under the20 influence of an intoxicant is a class C felony.

21 (d) For a conviction under this section, the sentence22 shall be either:



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1	(1)	An indeterminate term of imprisonment of five years	
2	<u>-</u>	and a fine of not less than \$5,000; or	
3	(2)	A term of probation of five years, with conditions to	
4		include:	
5		(A)	Mandatory revocation of license and privilege to
6			operate a vehicle for a period not less than [one
7			year] <u>three years</u> but not more than five years;
8		(B)	Not less than [ten] fourteen days imprisonment,
9			of which at least [forty eight] seventy-two hours
10			shall be served consecutively;
11		(C)	Referral to a certified substance abuse counselor
12			as provided in section 291E-61(d); [and]
13		(D)	A surcharge of [$\frac{\$25}{250}$] $\frac{\$250}{500}$ to be deposited into
14			the neurotrauma special fund;
15		(E)	<u>A fine of \$1,000</u> .
16 In addition to the foregoing, any vehicle owned and o		the foregoing, any vehicle owned and operated by	
17	the person committing the offense shall be subject to forfeiture		
18	pursuant to chapter 712A, provided that the department of		
19	transportation shall provide storage for vehicles forfeited		
20	under this subsection.		

21 (e) Whenever a court sentences a person under this22 section, it shall also require that the offender be referred to



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1 the driver's education program for an assessment, by a certified 2 substance abuse counselor, of the offender's substance abuse or 3 dependence and the need for appropriate treatment. The counselor shall submit a report with recommendations to the 4 5 court. The court shall require the offender to obtain 6 appropriate treatment if the counselor's assessment establishes 7 the offender's substance abuse or dependence. All costs for 8 assessment and treatment shall be borne by the offender.

9 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, (f) 10 whenever a court revokes a person's driver's license pursuant to 11 this section, the examiner of drivers shall not grant to the 12 person a new driver's license until expiration of the period of 13 revocation determined by the court. After the period of 14 revocation is complete, the person may apply for and the 15 examiner of drivers may grant to the person a new driver's 16 license.

(g) Any person sentenced under this section [may] shall be ordered to reimburse the county for the cost of any blood or urine tests conducted pursuant to section 291E-11. The court shall order the person to make restitution in a lump sum, or in a series of prorated installments, to the police department or other agency incurring the expense of the blood or urine test.



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1 (h) As used in this section, the term "examiner of 2 drivers" has the same meaning as provided in section 286-2." 3 SECTION 11. Section 291E-62, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 4 amended to read as follows: 5 "§291E-62 Operating a vehicle after license and privilege 6 have been suspended or revoked for operating a vehicle under the 7 influence of an intoxicant; penalties. (a) No person whose 8 license and privilege to operate a vehicle have been revoked, 9 suspended, or otherwise restricted pursuant to this section or 10 to part III or section 291E-61 or 291E-61.5, or to part VII or 11 part XIV of chapter 286 or section 200-81, 291-4, 291-4.4, 291-12 4.5, or 291-7 as those provisions were in effect on December 31, 13 2001, shall operate or assume actual physical control of any vehicle: 14 15 (1)In violation of any restrictions placed on the 16 person's license; or While the person's license or privilege to operate a 17 (2) 18 vehicle remains suspended or revoked. 19 (b) Any person convicted of violating this section shall be sentenced as follows: 20 21 For a first offense, or any offense not preceded (1) 22 within a five-year period by conviction for an offense



1		under this section or under section 291-4.5 as that	
2		section was in effect on December 31, 2001:	
3		(A) A term of imprisonment of not less than [three]	
4		<u>five</u> consecutive days but not more than [thirty]	
5		sixty days;	
6		(B) A fine of [not less than \$250 but not more than	
7		$\frac{1}{2},000$] $\frac{2}{2},000$; and	
8		(C) Revocation of license and privilege to operate a	
9		vehicle for an additional year;	
10	(2)	For an offense that occurs within five years of a	
11		prior conviction for an offense under this section or	
12		under section 291-4.5 as that section was in effect on	
13		December 31, 2001:	
14		(A) [Thirty] Sixty days imprisonment;	
15		(B) A [\$1,000] <u>\$2,000</u> fine; and	
16		(C) Revocation of license and privilege to operate a	
17		vehicle for an additional two years; and	
18		(D) A surcharge of \$250 to be deposited into the	
19		neurotrauma special fund;	
20	(3)	For an offense that occurs within five years of two or	
21		more prior convictions for offenses under this section	



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1	or under section 291-4.5 as that section was in effect				
2	on December 31, 2001:				
3	(A) One year imprisonment;				
4	(B) A \$2,000 fine; and				
5	(C) A surcharge of \$1,000 to be deposited into the				
6	neurotrauma special fund;				
7	[(C)] <u>(D)</u> Permanent revocation of the person's license and				
8	privilege to operate a vehicle.				
9	The period of revocation shall commence upon the release of the				
10	person from the period of imprisonment imposed pursuant to this				
11	section."				
12	SECTION 12. Section 291E-64, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is				
13	amended to read as follows:				
14	"§291E-64 Operating a vehicle after consuming a measurable				
15	amount of alcohol; persons under the age of twenty-one. (a) It				
16	shall be unlawful for any person under the age of twenty-one				
17	years to operate any vehicle with a measurable amount of				
18	alcohol. A law enforcement officer may arrest a person under				
19	this section when the officer has probable cause to believe the				
20	arrested person is under the age of twenty-one and had been				
21	operating a vehicle upon a public way, street, road, or highway				



1 or on or in the waters of the State with a measurable amount of 2 alcohol. 3 (b) A person who violates this section shall be sentenced as follows: 4 5 (1)For a first violation or any violation not preceded 6 within a five-year period by a prior alcohol 7 enforcement contact: 8 The court shall impose: (A) 9 A requirement that the person and, if the (i) 10 person is under the age of eighteen, the 11 person's parent or guardian attend an 12 alcohol abuse education and counseling 13 program for not more than [ten] twenty 14 hours; and 15 (ii) A one hundred eighty-day prompt suspension 16 of license and privilege to operate a 17 vehicle with absolute prohibition from 18 operating a vehicle during the suspension 19 period, or in the case of a person eighteen 20 years of age or older, the court may impose, 21 in lieu of the one hundred eighty-day prompt 22 suspension of license, a minimum [thirty-



1		day] <u>sixty-day</u> prompt suspension of license
2		with absolute prohibition from operating a
3		vehicle and, for the remainder of the one
4		hundred eighty-day period, a restriction on
5		the license that allows the person to drive
6		for limited work-related purposes and to
7		participate in alcohol abuse education and
8		treatment programs; and
9		(B) In addition, the court [may] shall impose [any
10		one or more of] the following:
11		(i) Not [more] <u>less</u> than [thirty six] seventy-
12		two hours of community service work; [or]
13		and
14		(ii) A fine of [not less than \$150 but not more
15		than] \$500;
16	(2)	For a violation that occurs within five years of a
17		prior alcohol enforcement contact:
18		(A) The court shall impose prompt suspension of
19		license and privilege to operate a vehicle for a
20		period of one year with absolute prohibition from
21		operating a vehicle during the suspension period;
22		and



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1	(B) In a	addition, the court [may] <u>shall</u> impose [any	
2	of]	the following:	
3	(i)	Not [more] less than [fifty] seventy-two	
4		hours of community service work; [or] <u>and</u>	
5	(ii)	A fine of [not less than \$300 but not more	
6		than] \$1,000;	
7	(3) For a vic	plation that occurs within five years of two	
8	prior alc	cohol enforcement contacts:	
9	(A) The	court shall impose revocation of license and	
10	priv	vilege to operate a vehicle for a period of	
11	two	years; and	
12	(B) In a	addition, the court [may] <u>shall</u> impose [any	
13	of]	the following:	
14	(i)	Not [more] <u>less</u> than one hundred hours of	
15		community service work; [or]	
16	(ii)	A fine of [not less than \$300 but not more	
17		than \$1,000] <u>\$2,000;</u>	
18	<u>(iii)</u>	A surcharge of \$500 to be deposited into the	
19		neurotrauma special fund.	
20	(c) Notwithst	canding any other law to the contrary, any	
21	conviction or plea	under this section shall be considered a	
22	prior alcohol enforcement contact.		



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1 (d) Whenever a court sentences a person pursuant to 2 subsection (b)(2) or (3), it also shall require that the person 3 be referred to the driver's education program for an assessment, by a certified substance abuse counselor, of the person's 4 5 alcohol abuse or dependence and the need for appropriate 6 treatment. The counselor shall submit a report with 7 recommendations to the court. The court shall require the 8 person to obtain appropriate treatment if the counselor's 9 assessment establishes the person's alcohol abuse or dependence. 10 All costs for assessment and treatment shall be borne by the 11 person or by the person's parent or guardian, if the person is 12 under the age of eighteen.

13 Notwithstanding section 831-3.2 or any other law to (e) 14 the contrary, a person convicted of a first-time violation under 15 subsection (b)(1), who had no prior alcohol enforcement 16 contacts, may apply to the court for an expungement order upon 17 attaining the age of twenty-one, or thereafter, if the person has fulfilled the terms of the sentence imposed by the court and 18 19 has had no subsequent alcohol or drug related enforcement 20 contacts.

(f) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,
whenever a court revokes a person's driver's license pursuant to



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1 this section, the examiner of drivers shall not grant to the 2 person an application for a new driver's license for a period to 3 be determined by the court.

(g) Any person sentenced under this section [may] shall be
ordered to reimburse the county for the cost of any blood tests
conducted pursuant to section 291E-11. The court shall order
the person to make restitution in a lump sum, or in a series of
prorated installments, to the police department or other agency
incurring the expense of the blood test.

10 (h) The requirement to provide proof of financial
11 responsibility pursuant to section 287-20 shall not be based
12 upon a sentence imposed under subsection (b)(1).

13 (i) Any person who violates this section shall be guilty14 of a violation.

15 (j) As used in this section, the terms "driver's license" 16 and "examiner of drivers" have the same meanings as provided in 17 section 286-2."

18 SECTION 13. This Act does not affect rights and duties 19 that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that 20 were begun, before its effective date.

21 SECTION 14. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
22 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

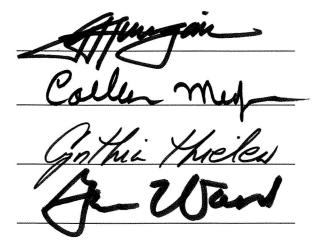


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SECTION 15. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.
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