
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 blue and red as provided in paragraph (3), upon any motor
7 vehicle, motorcycle, motor scooter, bicycle, or moped except
8 for:

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

12 (2) [~~department~~] Department of public safety law
13 enforcement vehicles authorized and approved by the
14 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, and conservation and resources enforcement
11 vehicles authorized and approved pursuant to section 291-31.5
12 [~~as~~] that are publicly owned and [~~such~~] other publicly or
13 privately owned vehicles [~~as are~~] designated as such by [~~the~~
14 ~~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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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.



Report Title:

Emergency Vehicles; Conservation and Resources Enforcement

Description:

Allows the use of blue and red lights on approved law enforcement vehicles of the conservation and resources enforcement division of the department of land and natural resources. Amends the definition of authorized emergency vehicles. (HB714 HD2)

