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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

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LINDA LINGLE GOVERNOR

May 6, 2009

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President and Members of the Senate Twenty-Fifth State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on May 6, 2009, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1056 SD2 HD2

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVERS. **ACT 046 (09)**

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

THE SENATE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2009 STATE OF HAWAII **ACT** 046 S.B. NO. 5.D. 2

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVERS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 286-234, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:
- 3 "(d) Any employer who is convicted of a violation of
- 4 subsection (b)(3) shall be subject to a fine of not less than
- **5** \$2,750 nor more than [\$11,000.] \$25,000."
- 6 SECTION 2. Section 286-235, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 7 amended to read as follows:
- 8 "\$286-235 Commercial driver's license required. (a) No
- 9 person shall drive a commercial motor vehicle unless the person
- 10 holds a valid commercial driver's license and valid applicable
- 11 endorsements for the vehicle the person is driving, except when
- 12 driving under a commercial driver's instruction permit and
- 13 accompanied by the holder of a valid commercial driver's license
- 14 for the vehicle being driven.
- 15 (b) No person shall drive a commercial motor vehicle while
- 16 the person's driver's license or permit is suspended, revoked,

- 1 or canceled, or while subject to a disqualification[, or in
- violation of an out-of-service order].
- 3 [(c) Any person who holds a category (4), (5), (6), (7),
- 4 (8), (9), or (10) license that is valid on March 31, 1991, may
- 5 continue to drive with that license until that person's next
- 6 birthday, at which time the person shall be permitted to
- 7 continue to drive only if the person obtains either a commercial
- 8 driver's license or a reclassified category (4) license under
- 9 section 286-102(b).
- 10 (c) No person shall drive a commercial motor vehicle in
- 11 violation of an out-of-service order."
- 12 SECTION 3. Section 286-241.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 13 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
- "(a) The examiner of drivers may suspend, revoke, or
- 15 cancel any commercial driver's license or permit without a
- 16 hearing when the examiner of drivers has probable cause to
- 17 believe that the licensee is disqualified under section 286-
- 18 $240[\frac{(c)-\text{through}-(h)}{240[\frac{(c)-\text{t$
- 19 SECTION 4. Section 286-249, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 20 amended to read as follows:
- 21 "§286-249 Penalty. (a) Any person who drives a
- 22 commercial motor vehicle in the [State] state without a valid

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- 1 commercial driver's license or permit, or while the person's
- 2 driving privileges are suspended, revoked, or canceled, or while
- 3 disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle, shall be:
- 4 (1) Disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle
- for a period of not less than one year and up to life;
- 6 (2) Fined not less than \$500 but not more than \$1,000; and
- 7 (3) Imprisoned not more than one year;
- 8 provided that the court shall have discretion to impose either a
- 9 fine or imprisonment, or both.
- 10 (b) A driver who is convicted of violating an out-of-
- 11 service order shall be fined not less than [\$1,100] \$2,500 nor
- 12 more than [\$2,750] \$4,000 for a first conviction and not less
- 13 than \$5,000 nor more than \$7,500 for a second or subsequent
- 14 conviction, in addition to the driving disqualification of
- 15 subsection (a) (1) and section 286-240(g) and (h).
- (c) Any person convicted under or found in violation of
- 17 section 286-242(a) shall be fined not more than \$200.
- (d) Notwithstanding subsection (a) (2), any person
- 19 convicted under or found in violation of section 286-242(c)
- 20 shall be fined not more than \$500."

- 1 SECTION 5. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 3 begun before its effective date.
- 4 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 6 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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