



GOV. MSG. NO. 476

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

April 13, 2010

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 April 13, 2010, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2201 SD1 HD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT
RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES.
ACT 020 (10)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

Approved by the Governor
on APR 13 2010

THE SENATE
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2010
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 020
S.B. NO. 2201
S.D. 1
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RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 249-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:
3 "**§249-2 Imposition of tax.** Except as otherwise provided
4 in sections 249-1 to 249-13, and except in the case of antique
5 motor vehicles which shall be subject to an annual tax of \$10 in
6 lieu of the annual tax otherwise imposed by this section, all
7 vehicles and motor vehicles as defined in section 249-1, shall
8 be subject to an annual tax, computed, except for the minimum
9 tax provided for in section 249-13 according to the net weight
10 of each vehicle at a rate determined as hereinafter provided in
11 section 249-13. [~~The tax shall become due and payable on~~
12 ~~January 1 and must be paid before April 1, in each year.~~] The
13 tax shall be paid by the owner of each vehicle in the county in
14 which the vehicle is located at the time of registration,
15 whether the original registration or any subsequent
16 registration, and shall be collected by the director of finance
17 of such county; provided that if [~~any such~~] a vehicle is
18 transported to another county after the payment of [~~such~~] the



1 tax, no additional tax shall be imposed on [~~such~~] the vehicle
2 for the remaining period of the year for which [~~such~~] the tax
3 has been paid."

4 SECTION 2. Section 249-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

6 "(a) All vehicles and motor vehicles in the [~~State~~] state
7 as defined in section 249-1, including antique motor vehicles,
8 except as otherwise provided in sections 249-4 and 249-6, shall
9 be subject to a \$25 annual vehicle registration fee. The fee
10 [~~shall become due and payable on January 1, and~~] shall be paid
11 [~~before April 1 in~~] each year together with all other taxes and
12 fees levied by this chapter [~~; provided that should any county~~
13 ~~elect to renew motor vehicle registrations~~] on a staggered basis
14 as established by each county as authorized by section 286-51,
15 and the state registration for that county shall likewise be
16 staggered so that the state registration fee is due and payable
17 at the same time and shall be collected together with the county
18 fee. The state registration fee shall be deemed delinquent if
19 not paid with the county registration fee. The respective
20 counties shall collect this fee together with the vehicle
21 registration tax collected for the county and shall transfer the
22 moneys collected under this section to the State."



1 SECTION 3. Section 249-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) The tax shall become due and payable [~~on January 1~~
4 ~~and shall be paid before April 1]~~ in each year together with all
5 other taxes and fees levied by this chapter [~~; provided that~~
6 ~~should any county elect to renew motor vehicle registrations]~~ on
7 a staggered basis as established by each county as authorized by
8 section 286-51, the state vehicle weight tax shall likewise be
9 staggered so that the state vehicle weight tax is collected
10 together with the county fee. The state vehicle weight tax
11 shall be deemed delinquent if not paid with the county
12 registration fee. The tax shall be paid by the owner of each
13 vehicle to the director of finance of the county in which the
14 vehicle is registered and shall be collected by the director of
15 finance of such county together with all other fees and taxes
16 levied by this chapter from the owner of each vehicle and motor
17 vehicle registered in the county.

18 By the fifteenth day of the month following the month in
19 which taxes under this section are collected, the director of
20 finance of each county shall transmit the taxes collected to the
21 state director of finance for deposit into the state highway
22 fund."



1 SECTION 4. Section 286-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 " (a) ~~[Every certificate of registration issued under this~~
4 ~~part shall expire at midnight on December 31 of each year and~~
5 ~~shall be renewed annually before April 1 of each year upon~~
6 ~~application by the registered owner by presentation of the last~~
7 ~~issued certificate of registration or the last issued~~
8 ~~application for renewal, such renewal to take effect as of~~
9 ~~January 1 of each year; provided that the]~~ The certificate of
10 registration for each motor vehicle in the counties of the State
11 ~~[may]~~ shall be renewed on a staggered basis ~~[, if a county elects~~
12 ~~to do so.]~~ as established by each county. The director of
13 finance of each county may adopt rules to carry out the purposes
14 stated in this section and shall expend the necessary funds from
15 the director's operating funds as may be necessary for these
16 purposes; provided that the director of finance, if the director
17 has ascertained as of the date of the application that the
18 registered owner has not deposited or paid bail with respect to
19 any summons or citation issued to the registered owner for
20 stopping, standing, or parking in violation of traffic
21 ordinances within the county, may require, as a condition
22 precedent to the renewal, that the registered owner deposit or

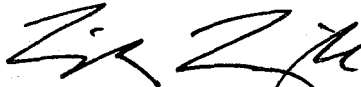


1 pay bail with respect to all such [~~summons~~] summonses or
 2 citations. The certificates of registration issued hereunder
 3 shall show, in addition to all information required under
 4 section 286-47, the serial number of the tag or emblem and shall
 5 be valid during the registration year only for which they are
 6 issued. The certificates of ownership need not be renewed
 7 annually but shall remain valid as to any interest shown therein
 8 until canceled by the director of finance as provided by law or
 9 replaced by new certificates of ownership as hereinafter
 10 provided."

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 upon its approval.

APPROVED this 13 day of APR, 2010



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII