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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 291C-152, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "[+] \$291C-152[+] Riding on motorcycles. (a) A person
- 4 operating a motorcycle shall ride only upon the permanent and
- 5 regular seat attached thereto, and such operator shall not carry
- 6 any other person nor shall any other person ride on a motorcycle
- 7 unless the motorcycle is designed to carry more than one person,
- 8 in which event a passenger may ride upon the permanent and
- 9 regular seat if designed for two persons, or upon another seat
- 10 firmly attached to the motorcycle at the rear or side of the
- 11 operator.
- 12 (b) A person shall ride upon a motorcycle only while
- 13 sitting astride the seat, facing forward, with one leg on each
- 14 side of the motorcycle. This subsection shall not apply to
- 15 motorcycles with more than two wheels in contact with the
- 16 ground, provided that the person shall operate the motorcycle
- 17 while riding upon the attached seat and facing forward.



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- 1 (c) No person shall operate a motorcycle while carrying
- 2 any package, bundle, or other article which prevents the person
- 3 from keeping both hands on the handlebars or other steering
- 4 mechanism.
- 5 (d) No operator shall carry any person, nor shall any
- 6 person ride, in a position that will interfere with the
- 7 operation or control of the motorcycle or the view of the
- 8 operator."
- 9 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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## Report Title:

Motor vehicles

## Description:

Clarifies that motorcycles with more than two wheels in contact with the ground may be ridden without sitting astride a seat, so long as the rider is facing forward in the attached seat.

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