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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 291-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) Every motorcycle and moped moving under its own power
4 on a public highway shall at all times be equipped with a
5 muffler in constant operation to prevent any excessive or
6 unusual noise and no such muffler or exhaust system shall be
7 equipped with a cutout, bypass, or similar device. No person
8 shall modify the exhaust system of a motorcycle or a moped in a
9 manner which will amplify or increase the noise emitted by the
10 motor of such motorcycle or moped above that emitted by the
11 muffler originally installed on the motorcycle or moped as
12 indicated on the label attached to the motorcycle or moped in
13 accordance with Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations Section
14 205.158, except a motorcycle or moped that:

- 15 (1) Has three wheels;
- 16 (2) Is powered by an electric motor;
- 17 (3) Has a full body enclosed cab; and



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1 (4) Has a seat belt assembly or a child restraint system
2 for the driver and passenger;
3 shall not be required to be equipped with a muffler."

4 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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Report Title:

Transportation; Motorcycles; Mopeds; Mufflers; Noise Control.

Description:

Prohibits the modification of the exhaust system of a motorcycle or moped which amplifies or increases the noise emitted by the muffler originally installed on the motorcycle or moped as indicated on the label attached to the motorcycle or moped in accordance with federal regulations.

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