A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that vehicles using
- 2 wheels that have the propensity to cause severe injury and
- 3 property damage have increased. By design, most of these wheels
- 4 have parts that extend past their rim (i.e., gorilla pokes,
- 5 superpoke elbows, giraffe necks, etc.); however, others are not
- 6 designed that way by the manufacturer but are just as dangerous
- 7 due to the addition of aftermarket parts, such as lug nuts and
- 8 wheel covers that bear sharp, pointed projections.
- 9 The legislature finds that the existing law does not
- 10 address the inherent dangers surrounding the use of these types
- 11 of wheels that are considered dangerous.
- 12 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the use of certain
- 13 types of wheels that are considered dangerous.
- 14 SECTION 2. Section 291C-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 15 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
- 16 and to read as follows:
- ""Dangerous wheels" means any wheel, wheel cover, hubcap,
- 18 lug nut cover or cap, prong, or any ornamentation affixed to any



- 1 of the aforementioned items that extends past the wheel's rim
- 2 and would cause injury or property damage by contact with a
- 3 person or object."
- 4 SECTION 3. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 5 amended by adding a new section to part XII to be appropriately
- 6 designated and to read as follows:
- 7 "\$291C- Dangerous wheels; prohibited. (a) No person
- 8 shall operate on any highway any vehicle, trailer, or semi-
- 9 trailer that is equipped with dangerous wheels.
- 10 (b) A violation of subsection (a) shall constitute a
- 11 violation."
- 12 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 13 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 14 begun before its effective date.
- 15 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.
- 16 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Traffic Code; Dangerous Wheels; Prohibited

Description:

Defines and prohibits the use of dangerous wheels.

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