A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HABITUALLY OPERATING A VEHICLE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN INTOXICANT.

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

| 1 | SECTION 1. Section 291E-61.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is |
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| 2 | amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows: |
| 3 | "(b) For the purposes of this section: |
| 4 | "Convicted one or more times for offenses of habitually |
| 5 | operating a vehicle while under the influence" means that, at |
| 6 | the time of the behavior for which the person is charged under |
| 7 | this section, the person had one or more times within the ten |
| 8 | years of the instant offense: |
| 9 | (1) A judgment or a verdict of a finding of guilty, or a |
| 10 | plea of nolo contendere, for a violation of this |
| 11 | section or section 291-4.4, as that section was in |
| 12 | effect on December 31, 2001; |
| 13 | (2) A judgment on a verdict or a finding of guilty, or |
| 14 | plea of nolo contendere, for an offense that is |
| 15 | comparable to this section or section 291-4.4, as that |
| 16 | section was in effect on December 31, 2001; or |

| 1 | (3) An adjudication of a minor for a law or probation |
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| 2 | violation that, if committed by an adult, would |
| 3 | constitute a violation of this section or section 291- |
| 4 | 4.4, as that section was in effect on December 31, |
| 5 | 2001; |
| 6 | that, at the time of the instant offense, had not been |
| 7 | expunged by pardon, reversed, or set aside. All |
| 8 | convictions that have been expunged by pardon, reversed, or |
| 9 | set aside prior to the instant offense shall not be deemed |
| 10 | prior convictions for the purposes of proving the person's |
| 11 | status as a habitual operator of a vehicle while under the |
| 12 | influence of an intoxicant. |
| 13 | "Convicted three or more times for offenses of operating a |
| 14 | vehicle under the influence" means that, at the time of the |
| 15 | behavior for which the person is charged under this section, the |
| 16 | person had three or more times within ten years of the instant |
| 17 | offense: |
| 18 | (1) A judgment on a verdict or a finding of guilty, or a |
| 19 | plea of guilty or nolo contendere, for a violation of |
| 20 | [this section or] section 291-4[, 291-4.4,] or section |
| 21 | 291-7 as those sections were in effect on December 31, |
| 22 | 2001, or section 291E-61 or 707-702.5; |

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| 1 | (2) | A judgment on a verdict or a finding of guilty, or a |
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| 2 | | plea of guilty or nolo contendere, for an offense that |
| 3 | | is comparable to [this section or] section 291-4[$_{	au}$ |
| 4 | · | 291-4.4,] or section 291-7, as those sections were in |
| 5 | | effect on December 31, 2001, or section 291E-61 or |
| 6 | | 707-702.5; or |
| 7 | (3) | An adjudication of a minor for a law or probation |
| 8 | | violation that, if committed by an adult, would |
| 9 | | constitute a violation of [this section or] section |
| 10 | • | 291-4[, 291-4.4,] or <u>section</u> 291-7, as those sections |
| 11 | | were in effect on December 31, 2001, or section 291E- |
| 12 | | 61 or 707-702.5; |
| 13 | that | , at the time of the instant offense, had not been |
| 14 | expu | nged by pardon, reversed, or set aside. All |
| 15 | conv | ictions that have been expunged by pardon, reversed, or |
| 16 | set | aside prior to the instant offense shall not be deemed |
| 17 | prio | r convictions for the purposes of proving the person's |
| 18 | stat | us as a habitual operator of a vehicle while under the |
| 19 | infl | uence of an intoxicant. |
| 20 | [A-p | erson has the status of a "habitual] "Habitual operator |
| 21 | of a vehi | cle while under the influence of an intoxicant" [if] |
| 22 | means tha | t the person [has been]: |

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| 1 | (1) | Was convicted three or more times [within ten years of |
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| 2 | | the instant offense, of operating a |
| 3 | | vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant[-]; or |
| 4 | (2) | Was convicted one or more times for offenses of |
| 5 | | habitually operating a vehicle while under the |
| 6 | | influence." |
| 7 | SECT | ION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed |
| 8 | and stric | ken. New statutory material is underscored. |
| 9 | SECT | ION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013. |
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Report Title:

Vehicle Operation; Habitually Operating a Vehicle While Under the Influence of an Intoxicant

Description:

Expands definition of habitual operator of a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant to include persons with convictions within the last ten years of the offense for habitually operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant. (SD1)

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