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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that operating a motor  
2 vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant is inherently  
3 dangerous and that courts are empowered to revoke or suspend the  
4 driver's license of a driver convicted of a felony involving a  
5 motor vehicle or a traffic violation involving a vehicle in  
6 motion. However, in certain limited situations, a court may  
7 find it more reasonable to require that a driver install an  
8 ignition interlock device that prevents the driver's vehicle  
9 from being started if the driver's breath indicates that the  
10 driver is under the influence of alcohol. This option protects  
11 public safety while providing an opportunity for a driver to  
12 operate a motor vehicle responsibly for valid purposes.

13           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to authorize  
14 courts, at their discretion and as an alternative to suspending  
15 or revoking a driver's license after the driver is convicted of  
16 a felony involving a motor vehicle or a violation of any traffic  
17 law or regulation involving a vehicle in motion, to require that



1 the driver install at the driver's expense an ignition interlock  
2 device on any vehicle the driver operates.

3 SECTION 2. Section 286-125, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "**§286-125 Discretionary revocation or suspension of**  
6 **license by a court.** (a) In addition to the provisions for  
7 mandatory revocation of a license set forth in section 286-124,  
8 any court of competent jurisdiction ~~may~~, in its discretion,  
9 may revoke or suspend the license of any driver convicted of any  
10 felony in the commission of which a motor vehicle is used, or  
11 convicted of a violation of this part or of any traffic law or  
12 regulation of the State or any political subdivision thereof  
13 involving a vehicle in motion. As an alternative to revocation  
14 or suspension of a license, the court, in its discretion, may  
15 order that a driver install at the driver's expense an ignition  
16 interlock device on any vehicle the driver operates.

17 (b) As used in this section, "ignition interlock device"  
18 shall have the same meaning as in section 291E-1."

19 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
20 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
21 begun before its effective date.



1        SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3        SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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# H.B. NO. 1776

**Report Title:**

Motor Vehicles; Felonies or Violations Involving Motor Vehicles;  
Ignition Interlock

**Description:**

Authorizes courts to require that a person convicted of a felony involving a motor vehicle or certain driving violations install an ignition interlock device on any vehicle the driver operates.

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