
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 291-31.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) No person shall knowingly operate, affix or cause to
4 be affixed, display, or possess any lamp, reflector, or
5 illumination device that appears to be the color blue, or colors
6 blue and red, upon any motor vehicle, motorcycle, motor scooter,
7 bicycle, or moped except for:

8 (1) County law enforcement vehicles authorized and
9 approved by the chief of police of the county in which
10 the vehicle is operated;

11 (2) Department of public safety law enforcement vehicles
12 with blue and red lamps, reflectors, or illumination
13 devices authorized and approved by the director of
14 public safety; ~~[or]~~

15 (3) Department of land and natural resources division of
16 conservation and resources enforcement vehicles with
17 blue and red lamps, reflectors, or illumination



1 devices authorized and approved by the chairperson of
2 the board of land and natural resources[-]; or

3 (4) Department of transportation division of harbors law
4 enforcement vehicles with blue and red lamps,
5 reflectors, or illumination devices authorized and
6 approved by the director of transportation.

7 This prohibition shall not apply to factory-installed instrument
8 illumination."

9 SECTION 2. Section 291C-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by amending the definition of "authorized emergency
11 vehicle" to read as follows:

12 ""Authorized emergency vehicle" includes fire department
13 vehicles, police vehicles, ambulances, ocean safety vehicles,
14 public safety law enforcement vehicles, ~~and~~ conservation and
15 resources enforcement vehicles, and department of transportation
16 division of harbors law enforcement vehicles authorized and
17 approved pursuant to section 291-31.5 that are publicly owned
18 and other publicly or privately owned vehicles designated as
19 such by a county council."



1 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
3 begun, before the effective date of this Act.

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.

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Report Title:

Law Enforcement Vehicles

Description:

Authorizes law enforcement vehicles of the harbors division of the department of transportation that are equipped with lights and sirens to be authorized emergency vehicles. Effective 7/1/2030. (SD1)

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