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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 (e.g., Gorilla Pokes,
5 Superpoke Elbows, and Giraffe Necks); 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. The
9 legislature finds that existing law does not address the
10 inherent dangers surrounding the use of these types of wheels.

11 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the use of certain
12 types of wheels that are considered dangerous.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 291C, part XII, Hawaii Revised
14 Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately
15 designated and to read as follows:



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1 "§291C- Use of dangerous wheels prohibited; penalty.

2 (a) No person shall operate on any highway any vehicle,
3 trailer, or semitrailer that is equipped with dangerous wheels.

4 (b) Any person who violates this section shall be fined
5 not more than \$."

6 SECTION 3. Section 291C-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
8 and to read as follows:

9 "Dangerous wheels" means any wheel, wheel cover, hubcap,
10 lug nut cover and cap, or prong, or any ornamentation affixed to
11 any of the aforementioned items, that:

12 (1) Extends out past the wheel's rim;

13 (2) Has a sharp point similar to the tip of a cone or
14 pyramid; and

15 (3) Has the potential to cause injury or property damage
16 by mere contact with a person or object."

17 SECTION 4. Section 291C-161, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

19 "(c) Every person convicted under or found in violation of
20 section 291C-12, 291C-12.5, 291C-12.6, 291C-13, 291C-14, 291C-
21 15, 291C-16, 291C-72, 291C-73, 291C-95, 291C-102, 291C-103,



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1 291C-104, [~~or~~] 291C-105, or 291C- shall be sentenced or fined
2 in accordance with those sections."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

5 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Dangerous Wheels; Traffic Code

Description:

Prohibits the use of dangerous wheels on highways. Defines dangerous wheels.

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