
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 286-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
3 and to read as follows:

4 "Direct import vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is
5 imported into the United States and is exempt from compliance
6 with all Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards at the time of
7 manufacture as prescribed under title 49 United States Code
8 section 30112(b)(9)."

9 SECTION 2. Section 286-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

11 "(a) The county director of finance shall examine and to
12 the best of the director's ability determine the genuineness and
13 regularity of every registration and transfer of registration of
14 a vehicle pursuant to this part to ensure that every certificate
15 issued for a vehicle contains true statements of the ownership
16 of the vehicle and to prevent the registration of a vehicle by
17 any person not entitled to the vehicle. The director of finance



1 may require any applicant to furnish information, in addition to
2 that contained in the application, that is necessary to satisfy
3 the director of finance of the truth and regularity of the
4 application. The director of finance may accept any county
5 certificate of title issued for a vehicle as prima facie
6 evidence of ownership for registration and transfer of
7 registration. The director may issue vehicle identification
8 numbers for reconstructed vehicles, special interest vehicles,
9 or motorcycles that do not have vehicle identification numbers
10 if the director determines that the requirements of this section
11 have been met.

12 The county director of finance may register a motorcycle
13 with an aftermarket motorcycle frame, using the number of the
14 frame as issued by the manufacturer of the frame, the vehicle
15 identification number on the certification label, or a vehicle
16 identification number assigned by the director of finance. A
17 bill of sale and Manufacturer's Statement of Origin for the
18 frame, engine, and transmission must be presented and retained
19 as a part of the permanent county registration records. If a
20 Manufacturer's Statement of Origin is not available for the
21 engine and transmission due to the use of a used or



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1 reconstructed engine, transmission, or both, then a bill of sale
2 or other proof of ownership, satisfactory to the director of
3 finance must be presented.

4 Except for motorcycles that are built on an aftermarket
5 motorcycle frame, special interest vehicles, direct import
6 vehicles, and reconstructed vehicles, any motor vehicle or
7 device that is not certified by the manufacturer to be in
8 compliance with all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety
9 Standards as of the date of [†]manufacture[†] shall not be
10 registered."

11 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Direct Import Vehicle; Registration

Description:

Excepts direct import vehicles, i.e. vehicles at least 25 years old, from the requirement that vehicles be in compliance with all Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards to be registered. Defines "direct import vehicle."

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