
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TIRE DISPOSAL.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the improper
2 disposal of used motor vehicle tires poses environmental,
3 health, and safety concerns. Tires that are not properly
4 disposed of can be breeding grounds for mosquitos, which are
5 vectors for a variety of infectious diseases that pose a threat
6 to public health in Hawaii, including Dengue fever, Zika virus,
7 West Nile virus, and Chikungunya. Furthermore, improperly
8 disposed of tires can be a fire hazard, are unsightly, and are
9 costly for state or county workers to properly dispose of.

10 The legislature also finds that the proper disposal of
11 tires requires the payment of a fee, and tires can only be
12 turned in at approved facilities. The resulting inconvenience
13 and expense leads to tires being improperly disposed of,
14 abandoned, or illegally dumped.

15 The purpose of this Act is to encourage proper disposal of
16 used motor vehicle tires by requiring tire retailers to collect
17 a refundable deposit for each motor vehicle tire sale.



1 SECTION 2. Section 342I-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

3 "(a) Each tire retailer shall:

4 (1) Accept, at the point of transfer, in a quantity at
5 least equal to the number of new motor vehicle tires
6 purchased by a customer, motor vehicle tires offered
7 by the customer[-];

8 (2) Collect a tire disposal deposit, in the amount of \$50,
9 for each tire sold; provided that the deposit shall be
10 refunded to the purchaser of the tire upon return to
11 the tire retailer for proper disposal; and

12 [~~2~~] (3) Post written notice, which shall be at least five
13 inches by seven inches in size and easily visible to
14 customers and shall contain the universal recycling
15 symbol and the following language:

16 (A) "It is illegal to discard a motor vehicle tire";

17 (B) "Recycle your used tires";

18 (C) "State law requires us to accept used motor
19 vehicle tires for recycling or disposal, in
20 exchange for new tires purchased"; and



1 (D) "The final price of a new tire includes a fee for
 2 disposal of your old tire[-] and a tire disposal
 3 deposit. The disposal fee is not subject to
 4 reduction or refund[-."], while the tire disposal
 5 deposit is subject to refund."

6 (b) The department of health shall produce, print, and
 7 distribute the notices required by subsection ~~[(a)-(2)]~~ (a)(3) to
 8 each retailer; provided that a retailer instead may use any sign
 9 or notice that meets the requirements of that subsection."

10 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
 11 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
 12 begun before its effective date.

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

15 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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Report Title:

Motor Vehicle Tires; Tire Retailers; Tire Disposal Deposit

Description:

Requires motor vehicle tire retailers to collect a refundable tire disposal deposit for each tire sold.

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