
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to part V to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§291C- Heavy trucks; left lane; interstate highways; prohibition. (a) A heavy truck shall be prohibited from driving in the left-most lane of an interstate highway.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a heavy truck shall be allowed to drive in the left-most lane of an interstate highway:

(1) When a lane other than the left-most lane of an interstate highway is closed by law enforcement officers or emergency services personnel because of a traffic incident, a traffic accident, or an emergency road situation;

(2) In an area which the director of transportation designates as unsafe, by rules adopted in accordance with chapter 91; or



1 (3) Where there is only a single lane for traffic in each
2 direction.

3 (c) The director of transportation shall have the
4 authority to declare an emergency to allow heavy trucks to use
5 the left-most lane of an interstate highway.

6 (d) For the purposes of this section:

7 "Heavy truck" means any motor vehicle having a gross
8 vehicle weight of ten thousand pounds or more that is designated
9 or used primarily for the carriage of property other than the
10 personal effects of the driver or passengers and shall include a
11 motor vehicle to which has been added a box, platform, or other
12 equipment for such carriage. A heavy truck does not include an
13 emergency vehicle or mass transit vehicle as defined in section
14 291-11.6.

15 "Interstate highway" means any highway that is part of the
16 Dwight D. Eisenhower national system of interstate and defense
17 highways."

18 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Heavy Trucks; Driving in Left-Most Lane; Director of Transportation

Description:

Prohibits heavy trucks from driving in the left-most lane of an interstate freeway except when there is a traffic accident or emergency road situation, in an unsafe area, or where there is a single-lane highway.

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