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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOPEDS.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that mopeds provide an
inexpensive, reliable, and convenient means of transportation.
Mopeds can also be illegally modified and converted to be able
to reach speeds above the legal limit, and illegally altered
mopeds have had a detrimental impact on neighborhoods due to the
loud noises that disturb residents.

The legislature further finds that Act 200, Session Laws of 7 Hawaii 2016 (Act 200), was enacted to require annual 8 9 registration and safety inspections for mopeds as a means of helping to resolve the ongoing issue of illegally modified 10 mopeds. While about five thousand mopeds have since been 11 registered under the new law, it is believed that there may 12 still be thousands that have not been registered. While there 13 are penalties for failure to have a safety inspection and 14 15 illegal modifications, Act 200 did not include a penalty for 16 failure to register a moped. The Honolulu Police Department

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1	recommends that, to encourage compliance, a fine for
2	unregistered mopeds should be authorized.
3	The purpose of this Act is to establish a fine for failure
4	to register a moped.
5	SECTION 2. Section 249-14.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6	amended to read as follows:
7	"[+]§249-14.1[+] Number plates for mopeds;
8	registration[-]; fine. (a) The director of finance shall cause
9	to be produced number plates and tags or emblems for the
10	registration of mopeds operated in the State.
11	(b) The director of finance shall number and register the
12	moped in the owner's name in a permanent record or book to be
13	kept by the director of finance for this purpose, and shall
14	furnish the owner thereof with a receipt showing upon its face
15	the license number issued for the moped. The registration of
16	mopeds shall occur on a staggered basis as agreed upon by the
17	counties' director of finance. The registration fee shall be
18	\$27 per year. The director of finance shall also furnish the
19	owner, upon the original registration of the moped, one plate
20	with the registration number marked thereon. Upon the payment
21	of a registration fee for each year, a tag or emblem bearing a

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serial number and the month and year of expiration shall be 1 2 provided to the owner. Transfer of current number plates, tag, 3 or emblem, except as authorized by this chapter, is punishable 4 by a fine of not more than \$50 for each offense. 5 (C) Upon an original registration the director of finance shall fix, and shall charge to the owner, a fee equal to the 6 cost of the number plate and tag or emblem plus the 7 administrative cost of furnishing the plate and tag or emblem 8 9 and effecting the registration. Upon the issuance of a new 10 series of number plates, the director of finance shall charge the owner a fee equal to the costs of the number plate plus the 11 administrative cost of furnishing the plate. Upon issuing a tag 12 or emblem, the director of finance shall charge the owner a fee 13

of 50 cents. The owner shall securely fasten the number plate 15 on the rear of the moped at a location provided by the manufacturer or in the absence of such a location upon the 16 17 [bumper] fender of the moped and in conformance with section 18 291-31, in such a manner as to prevent the plate from swinging. The number plate shall at all times be displayed entirely 19 20 unobscured and be kept reasonably clean.

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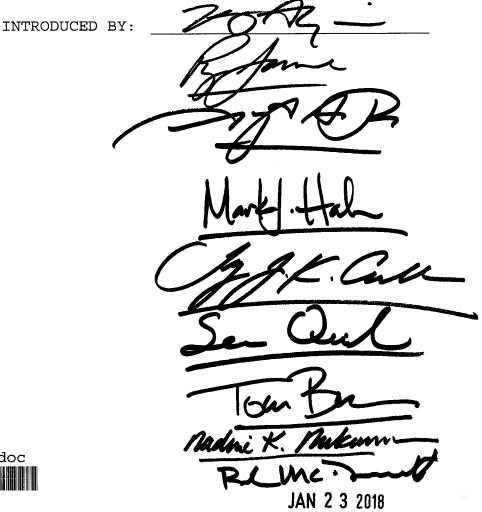
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1	(d) Upon the issuance of the tag or emblem, the owner
2	shall affix the tag or emblem to the top right portion of the
3	rear number plate.
4	(e) An owner who fails to comply with the registration
5	requirements of this section shall be subject to a fine not to
6	exceed \$100 per violation."
7	SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
9	SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title: Mopeds; Registration Requirements; Fine

Description:

Establishes a fine not to exceed \$100 for mopeds owners who fail to comply with moped registration requirements.

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