
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VEHICLE INSPECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii is one of
2 only eighteen states that has a mandatory vehicle inspection
3 program; a large majority of states do not. Nationwide studies
4 indicate that safety inspection programs do not reduce traffic
5 accidents. Accidents, particularly those involving common
6 passenger vehicles, are overwhelmingly caused by driver error,
7 not by mechanical failure.

8 Hawaii's families are already experiencing slow wage growth
9 and face high costs for everyday expenses. Unnecessary vehicle
10 inspections require additional costs and time-consuming trips to
11 a mechanic. Frequent mandatory inspections are a regressive tax
12 on vehicle owners that results in a larger financial burden on
13 low-income taxpayers.

14 The purpose of this Act is to amend the frequency of the
15 routine motor vehicle safety inspection requirement from every
16 twelve months to every twenty-four months for passenger cars,
17 motorcycles, and commercial vehicles having a gross weight of



1 10,000 pounds or less. This Act also increases the period
2 within which the owner or driver of a vehicle needs to provide a
3 newly obtained certificate of inspection when ordered to do so
4 by the police under section 286-22 from five days to thirty
5 days.

6 SECTION 2. Section 286-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

8 "(b) If the vehicle or moped is found to be in an unsafe
9 condition or if any required part or equipment is not present or
10 if any required part or equipment is present but not in proper
11 repair, the officer shall issue a citation to the owner or
12 driver stating the reasons that the vehicle or moped is deemed
13 unsafe or is not equipped as required and shall require that a
14 new certificate of inspection as provided in section 286-26 be
15 obtained within [~~five~~] thirty days or that the defect be cured."

16 SECTION 3. Section 286-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

18 "(b) All other vehicles, including motorcycles, mopeds,
19 trailers, semitrailers, and pole trailers having a gross vehicle
20 weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less, and antique motor
21 vehicles as defined in section 249-1, except those in


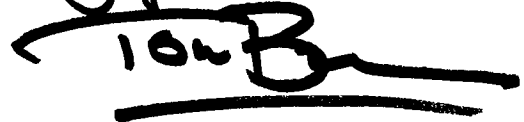


1 subsections (c) and (d), shall be certified as provided in
2 subsection (e) every [~~twelve~~] twenty-four months; provided that
3 any vehicle to which this subsection applies, except a moped,
4 shall not require inspection within two years of the date on
5 which the vehicle was first sold."

6 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Vehicles; Certificate of Inspection; Motor Vehicle Safety Check.

Description:

Amends frequency of safety inspection requirements from twelve to twenty-four months for passenger cars, motorcycles, mopeds, taxicabs, and vehicles used primarily for commercial uses with a gross weight of less than 10,000 pounds.

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