
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 286-47, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§286-47 Certificate of registration; certificate of**
4 **ownership; containers.** (a) Upon the registration of a vehicle,
5 the director of finance shall issue a certificate of
6 registration to the owner and a certificate of ownership to the
7 legal owner, or to a dealer who shall be a person licensed to
8 sell new motor vehicles under chapter 437 which certificates
9 shall meet the following requirements:

10 (1) Both the certificate of registration and the
11 certificate of ownership shall contain upon the face
12 thereof, the date issued, the registration number
13 assigned to the owner and to the vehicle, the name and
14 address of the owner and legal owner in typewriting,
15 also such description of the registered vehicle as may
16 be determined by the director of finance. If any of
17 the information subsequently proves to be a



1 typographical error, the dealer, as defined in section
2 437-1.1, shall notify the director of finance of the
3 error by a written certificate stating the reasons for
4 and nature of the error and the correction which
5 should be made in the certificate of registration and
6 the certificate of ownership. Upon receipt of the
7 dealer's certificate by the director of finance, the
8 certificate of registration and the certificate of
9 ownership shall be corrected accordingly so long as
10 the correction does not constitute a change of the
11 vehicle originally registered. A fee shall be paid to
12 the director of finance for each instance of
13 correction of the registration records. The fee
14 charged for each instance of correction of the
15 registration records shall be established by the
16 county's legislative body;

- 17 (2) In addition to the requirements provided for in
18 paragraph (1) above, the face of the certificate of
19 ownership shall contain endorsement lines for the
20 transfer of title or interest of the registered owner
21 and legal owner, and the odometer reading of the



1 vehicle on the date of transfer. The reverse side of
2 the certificate of ownership shall contain the
3 application for registration by the transferee[+].

4 ~~[(3)-(A)]~~ (b) Every owner shall keep the certificate of
5 registration within the vehicle for which it is registered and
6 shall present the same at the request of a police officer, or in
7 the event the vehicle is a motorcycle, shall carry such
8 certificate in a convenient receptacle attached to the vehicle
9 and which shall be presented at the request of a police officer;
10 provided that this subsection shall not apply to:

11 ~~[(B)]~~ (1) ~~[This shall not apply to state]~~ State or
12 county vehicles readily identified by the license
13 plates and markings on sides of such vehicles;

14 ~~[(C)]~~ (2) ~~[This shall not apply to commercial]~~
15 Commercial vehicles defined as rental motor vehicles,
16 or cars shipped by licensed car dealerships or
17 repossession companies. These businesses may keep a
18 duplicate copy of the certificate of registration
19 within the vehicle for which it is registered, in
20 which case the certificate of registration shall be



1 available for inspection at their principal place of
2 business within the State; and

3 (3) Chassis used for transporting shipping containers.

4 These businesses may keep the original certificate of
5 registration, motor vehicle identification card,
6 certificate of insurance, and certificate of
7 inspection at their principal place of business within
8 the State, which shall be available for inspection.

9 [~~D~~] This [~~requirement to carry the certificate of~~
10 ~~registration with the vehicle~~] subsection shall not apply when
11 [~~such~~] the certificate is removed from the vehicle for the
12 purpose of application for renewal, transfer of registration, or
13 to record a change in the registration."

14 SECTION 2. Section 286-271, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

16 "(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a legal owner
17 of a vehicle shall not ship that vehicle interisland in this
18 State unless the legal owner first presents to the carrier the
19 legal owner's current certificate of registration showing that
20 the person is the registered owner of the vehicle,
21 identification, and proof of motor vehicle insurance. If the



1 registered owner of the vehicle is not the legal owner of the
2 vehicle, the registered owner shall present to the carrier, the
3 registered owner's current certificate of registration,
4 identification, and proof of motor vehicle insurance. Duplicate
5 copies of the current registration and proof of motor vehicle
6 insurance shall be acceptable for commercial vehicles as defined
7 in section [~~286-47(3)(C)~~] 286-47(b)(2). An authorized agent of
8 the legal or registered owner may ship the vehicle by presenting
9 the current certificate of registration, identification, proof
10 of motor vehicle insurance, and a notarized letter from the
11 registered or legal owner authorizing the shipment. For an
12 unrecorded owner pending a lawful transfer, a certificate of
13 ownership signed by the previous owner may be submitted for the
14 current certificate of registration for a vehicle purchased
15 within thirty days of shipping. A facsimile of proof of motor
16 vehicle insurance from an insurance company may be accepted for
17 a vehicle purchased within thirty days of shipping.
18 Presentation of proof of motor vehicle insurance shall not be
19 required for:

- 20 (1) Unlicensed propelled vehicles that are not intended
21 for on-road use;



- 1 (2) New unregistered vehicles shipped with a bill of
- 2 loading; or
- 3 (3) Vehicles owned by the federal, state, or county
- 4 government."

5 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
6 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
7 begun before its effective date.

8 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Certificate of Registration; Identification Card; Certificate of Insurance; Certificate of Inspection; Shipping Container Chassis; Principal Place of Business

Description:

Clarifies that owners of chassis used for transporting shipping containers are exempt from the requirement to keep a certificate of registration within a chassis. Authorizes these businesses to keep the original certificate of registration, motor vehicle identification card, certificate of insurance, and certificate of inspection at their principal place of business within the State. (SD1)

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