



GOV. MSG. NO. 1224

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

June 28, 2021

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 28, 2021, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1212 SD2 HD2 CD1

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE
REGISTRATION
ACT 122 (21)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on JUN 28 2021

THE SENATE
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2021
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 122
S.B. NO.

1212
S.D. 2
H.D. 2
C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 286-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
3 and to read as follows:

4 "Out-of-service order" means a declaration by an
5 authorized enforcement officer of a federal, state, Canadian,
6 Mexican, or local jurisdiction that a driver, commercial motor
7 vehicle, or motor carrier operation is out-of-service pursuant
8 to title 49 Code of Federal Regulations sections 386.72, 392.5,
9 392.9a, 395.13, or 396.9, or title 49 United States Code
10 section 31106(b)(2), or compatible laws, or the North American
11 Standard Out-of-Service Criteria."

12 SECTION 2. Section 286-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 "§286-41 Application for registration; full faith and
15 credit to current certificates; this part not applicable to
16 certain equipment. (a) Every owner of a motor vehicle [which]
17 that is to be operated upon the public highways shall, for each



1 vehicle owned, except as herein otherwise provided and except as
2 provided in section 286-42(c), apply to the director of finance
3 of the county where the vehicle is to be operated, for the
4 registration thereof. If a vehicle is moved to another county
5 and is to be operated upon the public highways of that county,
6 the existing certificate of registration shall be valid until
7 its expiration date, at which time the owner shall apply to the
8 director of finance of the county in which the vehicle is then
9 located for the registration of the vehicle, whether or not the
10 owner is domiciled in the county or the owner's principal place
11 of business is in that county, except that this provision shall
12 not apply to vehicles [~~which~~] that are temporarily transferred
13 to another county for a period of not more than three months.

14 (b) Application for the registration of a vehicle shall be
15 made upon the appropriate form furnished by the director of
16 finance and shall contain the name, occupation, and address of
17 the owner and legal owner; and, if the applicant is a member of
18 the United States naval or military forces, the applicant shall
19 give the organization and station. All applications shall also
20 contain a description of the vehicle, including the name of the
21 maker[~~r~~]; the type of fuel for the use of which it is adapted



1 [~~e.g.~~], such as gasoline, diesel oil, liquefied petroleum
2 gas~~] ;~~ the serial or motor number~~] ;~~ the date first sold
3 by the manufacturer or dealer~~] ;~~ a further description
4 of the vehicle as is called for in the form~~] ;~~ and ~~such~~ other
5 information as may be required by the director of finance, to
6 establish legal ownership. A person applying for initial
7 registration of a neighborhood electric vehicle shall certify in
8 writing that a notice of the operational restrictions applying
9 to the vehicle as provided in section 291C-134 are contained on
10 a permanent notice attached to or painted on the vehicle in a
11 location that is in clear view of the driver.

12 (c) If the vehicle to be registered is specially
13 constructed, reconstructed, or rebuilt; is a special interest
14 vehicle; or is an imported vehicle, this fact shall be stated in
15 the application and upon the registration of the special
16 interest motor vehicle and imported motor vehicle, which has
17 been registered until that time in any other state or county,
18 and the owner shall surrender to the director of finance the
19 certificates of registration or other evidence of ~~such~~ a form
20 of registration as may be in the applicant's possession or
21 control. The director of finance shall grant full faith and



1 credit to the currently valid certificates of title and
2 registration describing the vehicle, the ownership thereof, and
3 any liens noted thereon, issued by any title state or county in
4 which the vehicle was last registered. The acceptance by the
5 director of finance of a certificate of title or of registration
6 issued by another state or county, as provided in this
7 subsection, in the absence of knowledge that the certificate is
8 forged, fraudulent, or void, shall be a sufficient determination
9 of the genuineness and regularity of the certificate and of the
10 truth of the recitals therein, and no liability shall be
11 incurred by any officer or employee of the director of finance
12 by reason of so accepting the certificate.

13 (d) The owner of every motor vehicle of the current,
14 previous, and subsequent year model bought out-of-state,
15 subsequently brought into the State, and subject to the use tax
16 under chapter 238 shall provide with the application for
17 registration proof of payment of the use tax pursuant to
18 requirements established by the department of taxation. No
19 registration certificate shall be issued without proof of
20 payment of the use tax.



1 (e) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the
2 director of finance of the county in which the application for
3 registration is sought shall not require proof of insurance as a
4 condition to satisfy the requirements of this part. This
5 subsection shall apply only to the initial registration of any
6 motor vehicle.

7 (f) Any motor carrier, as defined in section 286-201, that
8 has not resolved any outstanding federal operations
9 out-of-service order issued by the United States Secretary of
10 Transportation shall not complete an initial registration of a
11 motor carrier vehicle until all federal operations
12 out-of-service orders are resolved.

13 [~~f~~] (g) The provisions of this part requiring the
14 registration of motor vehicles shall not apply to:

- 15 (1) Special mobile equipment;
- 16 (2) Implements of husbandry temporarily drawn, moved, or
17 otherwise propelled upon the public highways;
- 18 (3) Aircraft servicing vehicles [~~which~~] that are being used
19 exclusively on lands set aside to the department of
20 transportation for airport purposes; and



- 1 (4) Tractor trucks, forklifts, and top picks being used as
2 marine terminal equipment temporarily moving in or
3 between terminals at:
- 4 (A) Sand Island and along Sand Island Parkway and
5 Sand Island Access Road;
- 6 (B) Kalaniana'ole Avenue between Kuhio Street and
7 Kahanu Street, abutting Hilo Harbor;
- 8 (C) Kawaihae-Mahukona Road abutting Kawaihae Harbor;
- 9 (D) East Kaahumanu Avenue between Hobron Avenue and
10 Kane Street, abutting Kahului Harbor; and
- 11 (E) Waipaa Road abutting Nawiliwili Harbor."

12 SECTION 3. Section 286-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

14 "(a) The certificate of registration for each motor
15 vehicle in the counties of the State shall be renewed on a
16 staggered basis as established by each county. The director of
17 finance of each county may adopt rules to carry out the purposes
18 stated in this section and shall expend the necessary funds from
19 the director's operating funds as may be necessary for these
20 purposes; provided that the director of finance, if the director
21 has ascertained as of the date of the application that the



1 registered owner has not deposited or paid bail with respect to
2 any summons or citation issued to the registered owner for
3 stopping, standing, or parking in violation of traffic
4 ordinances within the county, or the registered owner of a motor
5 carrier vehicle, as defined in section 286-201, has not resolved
6 any outstanding federal operations out-of-service orders issued
7 by the United States Secretary of Transportation, may require,
8 as a condition precedent to the renewal, that the registered
9 owner deposit or pay bail with respect to all such summonses or
10 citations[-], or resolve all federal operations out-of-service
11 orders. The certificates of registration issued hereunder shall
12 show, in addition to all information required under
13 section 286-47, the serial number of the tag or emblem and shall
14 be valid during the registration year only for which they are
15 issued. Any certificate of registration belonging to a motor
16 carrier shall be suspended or revoked when that motor carrier
17 has been issued any federal operations out-of-service orders by
18 the United States Secretary of Transportation and that
19 certificate of registration shall remain suspended or revoked
20 until all the federal operations out-of-service orders are
21 resolved. The certificates of ownership need not be renewed



1 annually but shall remain valid as to any interest shown therein
2 until canceled by the director of finance as provided by law or
3 replaced by new certificates of ownership as hereinafter
4 provided."

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

7 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

APPROVED this 28 day of JUN, 2021

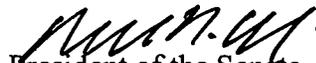


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: April 27, 2021
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2021.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 1212, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 27, 2021

Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives