
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMISSIONED VOLUNTEER ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§46- Commissioned volunteer enforcement officers. (a)

5 The police departments of the several counties may establish and
6 maintain a unit of commissioned volunteer enforcement officers
7 within their traffic division who are authorized to:

8 (1) Confiscate disability parking permits pursuant to
9 section 291-53.3;

10 (2) Access the property of a private entity during normal
11 business hours of the entity to enforce provisions of
12 part III of chapter 291, pursuant to section 291-59;

13 (3) Issue citations for expired vehicle registrations and
14 safety check decals;

15 (4) Assist the police department in enforcing laws
16 relating to derelict or abandoned vehicles; and



1 (5) Such other duties as may be assigned by the chief of
2 police.

3 (b) The chief of police of the county shall have full
4 authority and control over all commissioned volunteer
5 enforcement officers.

6 (c) To qualify as a commissioned volunteer enforcement
7 officer, an individual shall:

8 (1) Be a United States citizen, a resident of the county
9 for which the individual is applying to serve as a
10 volunteer, and at least twenty-one years of age;

11 (2) Possess a valid State of Hawaii driver's license;

12 (3) Possess a high school diploma, a general education
13 diploma, or their equivalent;

14 (4) Complete a volunteer application;

15 (5) Pass a background investigation;

16 (6) Pass a physical examination and oral interview; and

17 (7) Satisfy other criteria as may be prescribed by the
18 county chief of police.

19 (d) A commissioned volunteer enforcement officer shall be
20 required to:

21 (1) Work a minimum of twenty hours per month; and



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1 (2) Conform to the police department's standards of
2 conduct, directives, orders, policies, and procedures
3 while on and off duty.

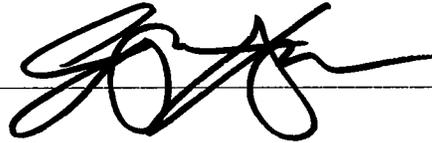
4 (e) As used in this section, "commissioned volunteer
5 enforcement officer" means a civilian volunteer commissioned by
6 a county chief of police to act as an enforcement officer for
7 limited purposes as determined by the county chief of police."

8 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Commissioned Volunteer Enforcement Officers; Police Departments;
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Description:

Authorizes counties to establish a program for commissioned volunteer enforcement officers to assist their police department with specified enforcement actions within their traffic division.

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