
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VEHICLE INSPECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§286- Vehicle inspector; certification; renewal. (a)

5 The director shall supervise and certify all inspectors
6 authorized to conduct vehicle inspections at official inspection
7 stations. The director shall:

8 (1) Determine minimum standards and application criteria
9 for inspectors;

10 (2) Administer written and performance examinations for
11 all applicants;

12 (3) Issue official inspector certificates;

13 (4) Monitor inspection activities of inspectors; and

14 (5) Conduct investigations of reported or suspected
15 improper inspection activities.



1 (b) Inspector certificates shall expire four years from
2 the date of issuance, unless revoked or suspended by the
3 director.

4 (c) Recertification of inspectors shall follow the
5 application process for initial certification."

6 SECTION 2. Section 286-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

8 "(e) The county finance director, upon being notified by
9 the designated county department that a vehicle is a special
10 interest vehicle [~~or that a vehicle has been inspected and~~
11 ~~approved as a reconstructed vehicle~~], shall cause that fact to
12 be shown upon the registration and title certificates for that
13 vehicle."

14 SECTION 3. Section 286-209, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

16 "(b) The director shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
17 for motor carrier vehicle safety inspections, the issuance of
18 certificates of safety inspection, the affixing of motor carrier
19 vehicle safety inspection decals, and the acceptance of
20 certificates of safety inspection issued in other jurisdictions.
21 The rules adopted pursuant to this section for motor carrier



1 vehicle safety inspections shall include exhaust noise tests as
2 part of the safety inspection process and that the exhaust noise
3 be no louder than ninety-five decibels at max revolutions per
4 minute to pass the inspection."

5 SECTION 4. Section 286-85, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 repealed.

7 ~~["§286-85 Reconstructed vehicles, approval required. (a)~~
8 ~~No person shall operate a reconstructed vehicle upon a public~~
9 ~~highway unless it has been inspected and certified by the~~
10 ~~designated county agency as meeting the specifications and~~
11 ~~requirements established in rules and regulations adopted by the~~
12 ~~state director of transportation.~~

13 ~~(b) This section shall not apply to any vehicle which is~~
14 ~~subject to the rules and regulations of the public utilities~~
15 ~~commission governing safety of operation and equipment.~~

16 ~~(c) Each county through its chief executive officer, shall~~
17 ~~designate a county department, whose responsibilities shall~~
18 ~~include the inspection of reconstructed vehicles and the~~
19 ~~issuance of permits to operate reconstructed vehicles pursuant~~
20 ~~to standards established by the state director of~~
21 ~~transportation.~~



1 ~~(d) The state director of transportation shall adopt rules~~
2 ~~pursuant to chapter 91, establishing the fees an inspector may~~
3 ~~charge for the inspection of a reconstructed vehicle.~~

4 ~~(e) The department designated pursuant to subsection (c)~~
5 ~~shall identify to the county director of finance every vehicle~~
6 ~~that has been inspected and approved as a reconstructed vehicle.~~

7 ~~(f) This section shall not apply to any privately owned~~
8 ~~reconstructed vehicle in a county with a population of less than~~
9 ~~500,000."]~~

10 SECTION 5. The director of transportation shall amend the
11 uniform standard and procedures for motor vehicle inspections
12 prescribed under section 286-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to
13 include exhaust noise tests as part of the safety inspection
14 process and require that the exhaust noise be no louder than
15 ninety-five decibels at max revolutions per minute to pass the
16 inspection.

17 SECTION 6. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
18 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
19 begun before its effective date.

20 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Vehicle Safety Inspections; Inspectors; Reconstructed Vehicles;
Special Inspection and Certification Requirement

Description:

Codifies certain certification, renewal, and violation processes of vehicle inspectors who conduct vehicle safety inspections under the department of transportation. Repeals requirement for reconstructed vehicles to obtain a special inspection and certification. Requires the director of transportation to include in the administrative rules governing motor carrier vehicle safety inspections and uniform standard and procedures for motor vehicle inspections to require exhaust noise checks as part of the safety inspection process and require that the exhaust noise be no louder than ninety-five decibels to pass the inspection check. (SD1)

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