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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that flags flown from  
2 vehicles being operated or moved on streets cause distractions  
3 and create unsafe driving conditions. The purpose of this Act  
4 is to discourage unsafe practices.

5           SECTION 2. Chapter 291, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately  
7 designated and to read as follows:

8           "§291-     Display of materials affecting safety prohibited.

9           (a) No material that distracts, obstructs the view of, or  
10 affects the safety of other drivers, including but not limited  
11 to flags, towels, sheets, and cloths, shall be displayed on any  
12 motor vehicle, motorcycle, motor scooter, bicycle, or moped that  
13 is being operated or moved upon any public street, road, or  
14 highway; provided this prohibition shall not apply to a red flag  
15 or cloth required to be displayed pursuant to section 291-28.

16           (b) Whoever violates this section shall be fined not more  
17 than \$50. Each violation shall be deemed a separate offense,



1 and a subsequent violation of the same provision within a one-  
2 year period shall be subject to twice the fine imposed upon the  
3 prior conviction therefor."

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

7 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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# S.B. NO. 1357

**Report Title:**

Traffic Violations; Vehicles on Public Streets; Display of Materials Affecting Safety; Prohibition; Fines

**Description:**

Prohibits display of any material that distracts, obstructs the view of, or affects the safety of other drivers, including but not limited to flags, towels, sheets, and cloths, on vehicles being operated or moved on a public street, road, or highway, except when required to be displayed for loads that extend beyond the vehicle. Sets a fine.

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