
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 is larger than twelve inches by eighteen
10 inches in size or which distracts, obstructs the view of, or
11 affects the safety of other drivers, including but not limited
12 to flags, towels, sheets, and cloths, shall be displayed on the
13 exterior of any motor vehicle, motorcycle, motor scooter,
14 bicycle, or moped that is being operated or moved upon any
15 public street, road, or highway; provided this prohibition shall
16 not apply to materials used to properly secure cargo or a red



1 flag or cloth required to be displayed pursuant to section 291-
2 28.

3 (b) Whoever violates this section shall be fined not more
4 than \$50. Each violation shall be deemed a separate offense,
5 and a subsequent violation of the same provision within a
6 one-year period shall be subject to twice the fine imposed upon
7 the prior conviction therefor."

8 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
9 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
10 begun before its effective date.

11 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



Report Title:

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

Description:

Limits 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. Effective 1/1/2050. (SD1)

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