
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that according to the
2 American Automobile Association, the average price for regular
3 gasoline in Hawaii increased from \$4.334 in December 2021 to
4 \$5.030 in December 2022. The legislature also finds that motor
5 vehicle manufacturers have begun charging subscription fees for
6 consumers to use certain features in their vehicles, including
7 remote locking, remote ignition, and automatic high-beam
8 headlights. The legislature recognizes that these and various
9 other factors are contributing to the increase in transportation
10 costs for residents. The legislature notes that it is the
11 State's desire to lower these transportation costs in the State.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to prohibit motor
13 vehicle manufacturers from charging subscription fees for the
14 use of certain services that employ equipment already installed
15 in a motor vehicle at the time of sale.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 437, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§437- Manufacturer subscriptions; prohibited. No
5 manufacturer shall charge to any consumer in the State a
6 subscription fee for the use of any service that employs
7 equipment already installed in the applicable motor vehicle at
8 the time of sale as a new motor vehicle; provided that this
9 section shall not apply to entertainment streaming subscriptions
10 and vehicle navigation."

11 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
12 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
13 begun before its effective date.

14 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Motor Vehicles; Manufacturers; Subscriptions; Prohibition

Description:

Prohibits motor vehicle manufacturers from charging subscription fees for certain services that employ equipment already installed in the motor vehicle at the time of sale as a new motor vehicle. Provides that the prohibition shall not apply to entertainment streaming subscription services and vehicle navigation. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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