
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NUMBER PLATES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 249-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) The number plates hereinabove referred to shall be
4 used upon all vehicles for which a tax has been paid pursuant to
5 sections 249-1 to 249-13. All [~~such~~] number plates shall:

6 (1) [~~Bear~~] If issued before January 1, 2025, bear the word
7 "Hawaii" along the upper portion of the plate and the
8 words "Aloha State" along the lower portion of the
9 plate;

10 (2) If issued on or after January 1, 2025, bear the word
11 "Hawai`i" along the upper portion of the plate and the
12 words "Aloha State" along the lower portion of the
13 plate; provided that both "Hawai`i" and "Aloha State"
14 may either contain all uppercase or lowercase letters
15 or have the first letter of each word be uppercase;

16 [~~(2)~~] (3) Have a distinct contrast between the color of the
17 plate and the numerals and letters thereon; and



1 [~~3~~] (4) Be of [~~such~~] any shape, size, and color, and with
2 [~~such~~] any arrangements of letters and numbers as may,
3 subject to sections 249-1 to 249-13, be determined by
4 the directors of finance of each county through
5 majority consent.

6 The numerals on all [~~such~~] number plates shall be not less than
7 three inches in height and the strokes thereof not less than
8 three-eighths inch in width, except in the case of motorcycles,
9 in which case the numerals shall not be less than one inch in
10 height and the strokes thereof not less than one-eighth inch in
11 width.

12 The director of finance of the city and county of Honolulu
13 shall contract annually on behalf of the counties for the
14 purchase of all number plates, tags, or emblems required. The
15 council of each county shall appropriate and cause to be paid
16 over to the party with whom the director of finance of the city
17 and county of Honolulu shall contract, or to the director of
18 finance of the city and county of Honolulu as the director may
19 direct, [~~such~~] the sum or sums as the director of finance of the
20 city and county of Honolulu shall determine to be the county's
21 proportionate share of the expense of [~~such~~] the contract and



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1 the charges connected therewith. The contract shall be made by
 2 the director of finance of the city and county of Honolulu as
 3 agent of the several counties, and the proportionate liability
 4 of each county shall be stated in the contract. Notwithstanding
 5 any other provision of the law, the contract shall constitute a
 6 valid obligation of each county for its proportionate share."

7 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

City and County of Honolulu Mayor's Package; Motor Vehicles;
Number Plates; Hawaiian Diacritical Marks

Description:

Requires license plates to include okinas. Authorizes the use of all uppercase letters, all lowercase letters, or initial capital letters in motor vehicle license plates.

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