

JAN 19 2024

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 249-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
3 "(a) Any tax imposed by sections 249-1 to 249-13 for any
4 year and not paid when due, shall become delinquent and a
5 penalty shall be added to, and become part of, the delinquent
6 tax. The amount of the delinquency penalty shall be established
7 by the county's legislative body. If the date that the tax is
8 due is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the tax shall
9 become delinquent at the end of the next day that is not a
10 Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. The director of finance may
11 require the payment of any delinquent tax and penalty as a
12 condition precedent to the registration, renewal, or transfer of
13 ownership of ~~[such]~~ the vehicle[-]; provided that, beginning on
14 July 1, 2025, the payment of any delinquent tax and penalty as a
15 condition precedent to the registration, renewal, or transfer of
16 ownership of a vehicle more than twenty-five years old shall be
17 limited to the aggregate amount of delinquent taxes and



1 penalties accumulated over the preceding three-year period. Any
2 vehicle not having the number plates required by sections 249-1
3 to 249-13, or any vehicle upon which taxes are delinquent as
4 provided in this section, may be seized, wherever found, by the
5 director of finance or by any police officer, and held for a
6 period of ten days, during which time the vehicle shall be
7 subject to redemption by its owner by payment of the taxes due,
8 together with the delinquent penalties and the cost of storage
9 and other charges incident to the seizure of the vehicle. The
10 director of finance, chief of police, or any police officer
11 shall be deemed to have seized and taken possession of any
12 vehicle, after having securely sealed it where located and
13 posted a notice upon the vehicle, setting forth the fact that it
14 has been seized for taxes and warning all other persons from
15 molesting it under penalty provided by section 249-11."

16 SECTION 2. The counties shall amend any applicable
17 ordinances necessary to carry out the purposes of section 1 of
18 this Act.

19 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
20 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
21 begun before its effective date.



1 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 2732

Report Title:

Counties; Delinquent Motor Vehicle Taxes and Penalties; Three-Year Limit; Vintage Vehicles; Registration; Renewal; Ownership Transfer

Description:

Limits the payment of any delinquent tax and penalty required by the Director of Finance of a county as a condition precedent to the registration, renewal, or transfer of ownership of a vehicle more than 25 years old to the aggregate amount of delinquent taxes and penalties accumulated over the preceding three-year period. Requires the respective counties to amend any applicable ordinances.

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