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# 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 motor vehicle  
2 inspections are necessary to ensure vehicles are in working  
3 order, ultimately increasing safety for all who use the  
4 roadways. To optimize the effectiveness of highway safety  
5 programs, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
6 recommends that each state have a program for periodic safety  
7 inspections of all registered motor vehicles. Inspections are  
8 intended to reduce the number of unsafe vehicles on the road.  
9 Data from a report released in August 2015, by the United States  
10 Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that only sixteen  
11 states currently require periodic motor vehicle safety  
12 inspections. Of those sixteen states, Hawaii is one of eleven  
13 that require inspections to be conducted on an annual basis,  
14 while five states require inspections to be conducted on either  
15 a biennial or other basis. The results of the GAO study reveal  
16 that annual motor vehicle inspection programs do not produce  
17 conclusive evidence of improving vehicle safety conditions.



1 Crash rates before and after the elimination of motor vehicles  
2 safety inspection programs varied little from year to year  
3 following the elimination of inspection programs.

4 SECTION 2. Section 286-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

6 "(b) All other vehicles, including motorcycles, mopeds,  
7 trailers, semitrailers, and pole trailers having a gross vehicle  
8 weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less, and antique motor  
9 vehicles as defined in section 249-1, except those in  
10 subsections (c) and (d), shall be certified as provided in  
11 subsection (e) every [~~twelve~~] twenty-four months [~~;~~ ~~provided~~  
12 ~~that any vehicle to which this subsection applies, except a~~  
13 ~~moped, shall not require inspection within two years of the date~~  
14 ~~on which the vehicle was first sold]."~~

15 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# H.B. NO. 1444

**Report Title:**

Motor Vehicles; Certificated of Inspection

**Description:**

Requires motor vehicle safety inspections to be conducted every two years rather than annually.

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