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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. Section 249-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended as follows:
3 1. By amending subsections (a) and (b) to read:
4 "(a) Upon receipt of the tax the director of finance shall
5 number and register the vehicle in the owner's name in a
6 permanent record or book to be kept by the director for this
7 purpose, and shall furnish the owner thereof with a receipt
8 showing upon its face the license number issued for the vehicle
9 and the fact that the license tax has been paid thereon for the
10 whole or the remainder of the current year in which the receipt
11 is issued. The director of finance shall also furnish the
12 owner, upon the original registration of the vehicle, [~~two~~
13 ~~number plates for the vehicle or one plate in the case of~~
14 ~~trailers, semitrailers, or motorcycle]~~ one number plate for any
15 vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or motorcycle with the
16 registration number marked thereon. Upon the payment of the tax
17 for each year a tag or emblem bearing a serial number and the



1 month and year of expiration shall be provided to the owner.
2 Transfer of current number [~~plates,~~] plate, tag, or emblem,
3 except as authorized by this chapter or by chapter 286, is
4 punishable by a fine of not more than \$50 for each offense.

5 (b) Upon an original registration the director of finance
6 shall fix, and shall charge to the owner, a fee equal to the
7 cost of the number plate [~~and,~~] tag, or emblem plus the
8 administrative cost of furnishing the plate and tag or emblem
9 and effecting the registration. Upon the issuance of a new
10 series of number plates as determined by the directors of
11 finance of each county through majority consent, the director of
12 finance shall charge the owner a fee equal to the costs of the
13 number plate plus the administrative cost of furnishing the
14 [~~plates,~~] plate. Upon issuing a tag or emblem, the director of
15 finance shall charge the owner a fee of 50 cents. The owner
16 shall securely fasten the number [~~plates]~~ plate on the vehicle[~~-~~
17 ~~one on the front and the other],~~ trailer, semitrailer, or
18 motorcycle on the rear, at a location provided by the
19 manufacturer or in the absence of such a location upon the
20 [~~bumpers]~~ rear bumper of the vehicle and in conformance with
21 section 291-31, in [~~such~~] a manner as to prevent the [~~plates]~~



1 plate from swinging. [~~Number plates~~] A number plate shall at
2 all times be displayed entirely unobscured and be kept
3 reasonably clean. [~~In the case of trailers, semitrailers, or~~
4 ~~motorcycles, one plate shall be used and it shall be fastened to~~
5 ~~the rear thereof at a location provided by the manufacturer or~~
6 ~~in the absence of such a location at the rear thereof, and in~~
7 ~~the case of motorcycles in conformance with section 291-31.]"~~

8 2. By amending subsections (d) and (e) to read:

9 "(d) After the initial payment of the tax and the original
10 registration of a vehicle as herein specified, a motor vehicle
11 shall not be required to be reweighed in any succeeding year
12 unless it has been so altered or changed as to increase or
13 diminish its weight. No new number [~~plates~~] plate shall,
14 however, be issued to a new owner except as provided in sections
15 249-7.5 and 249-8.

16 (e) If an owner of a vehicle registered in any county,
17 upon the disposition of the vehicle, requests that the license
18 [~~plates~~] plate furnished to the owner with respect to the
19 registration of the vehicle be assigned to another vehicle
20 subsequently acquired by the owner, the assignment may be made
21 by the director of finance at the director's discretion. To



1 defray additional administrative costs incurred by acceding to
2 those requests, the director of finance shall charge a fee of \$5
3 for each reassignment of license plates, in addition to the fee
4 for registration. The procedure for registering the vehicles
5 shall otherwise be identical with that provided by this
6 section."

7 SECTION 2. Section 249-7.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 **"§249-7.5 New motor vehicle with a temporary number plate.**

10 Any person who has purchased a new motor vehicle which has
11 attached a temporary number plate under section 286-53 shall
12 register the new motor vehicle in accordance with this chapter
13 within thirty days after taking possession of the motor vehicle.
14 For the purposes of this chapter, the registration of such a
15 motor vehicle shall be considered an original registration under
16 section 249-7. Within thirty days of the original registration
17 of such a motor vehicle, the director of finance shall furnish
18 [~~two number plates~~] one number plate and the valid tag or emblem
19 appropriate for the year of registration, if any, which shall be
20 attached to the motor vehicle as provided under section 249-7.



1 Upon attachment of the number [~~plates,~~] plate, the temporary
2 number plate provided under section 286-53 shall be destroyed."

3 SECTION 3. Section 249-9.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

5 "(c) Registration certificates and license plates issued
6 under this section shall not be transferable to any other
7 person. Special number plates for military service shall be
8 assigned to a noncommercial passenger motor vehicle, a
9 noncommercial motorcycle, or motor scooter registered in the
10 name of the qualified applicant and shall be available in any
11 category of special number plates for military service. [~~Prior~~
12 ~~to~~] Before the transfer of the ownership of the qualified
13 person's vehicle to another party, the special number plates
14 shall be surrendered to the director of finance as a condition
15 to the issuance of replacement special number plates; provided
16 that the director of finance shall allow the survivor of the
17 qualified person, upon request, to retain the [~~front~~] special
18 number plate as a memorial."

19 SECTION 4. Section 291-21.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

21 "(d) This section shall not apply to:



- 1 (1) Rearview mirrors;
- 2 (2) Adjustable nontransparent sun visors [~~which~~] that are
3 mounted forward of the side windows and are not
4 attached to the glazing material;
- 5 (3) Signs, stickers, or other materials [~~which~~] that are
6 displayed in a seven-inch square in the lower corner
7 of the windshield farthest removed from the driver or
8 signs, stickers, or other materials [~~which~~] that are
9 displayed in a five-inch square in the lower corner of
10 the windshield nearest the driver;
- 11 (4) Rear trunk lid handle or hinges;
- 12 (5) Window wipers and window wiper motors;
- 13 (6) Transparent sun screening film materials [~~which~~] that
14 are installed, affixed, or applied along the top edge
15 of the windshield so long as [~~such~~] the materials do
16 not encroach upon the AS-1 portion of the windshield
17 as provided by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard
18 205 or [~~ne~~] not lower than four inches below the top
19 of the windshield, when measured from the middle point
20 of the bottom edge of the top windshield moulding if



- 1 no AS-1 markings can be found in the left or right
2 upper margin of the windshield;
- 3 (7) Sun screening devices for front side wing vents and
4 windows which, when used in conjunction with the
5 glazing material have a light transmittance of [~~no~~
6 not less than [~~thirty-five~~] twenty per cent plus or
7 minus six per cent;
- 8 (8) Sun screening devices for side windows necessary for
9 driving visibility [~~which~~] that are to the rear of the
10 driver and for rear windows necessary for driving
11 visibility which, when used in conjunction with the
12 glazing material, have a light transmittance of [~~no~~
13 not less than [~~thirty-five~~] five per cent plus or
14 minus six per cent;
- 15 (9) Side windows [~~which~~] that are to the rear of the
16 driver and rear windows on vans, minivans, trucks, or
17 buses; provided that the vehicles are equipped with
18 rearview mirrors on both sides;
- 19 (10) Privacy drapes, curtains, or blinds, or any
20 combination, installed on the interior of motor homes;
21 or



1 (11) Transparent sun screening materials, when applied to
2 the AS-1 portion of the windshield, [~~which meets~~] that
3 meet the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety
4 Standard 205."

5 SECTION 5. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
6 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
7 begun before its effective date.

8 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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S.B. NO. 485

Report Title:

Motor Vehicles Regulations; Motor Vehicle Sun Screening Devices; Exemption; Number Plates

Description:

Decreases the exempted light transmittance for motor vehicle sun screening devices on front side wing vents and windows from thirty-five per cent to twenty per cent plus or minus six per cent. Decreases the exempted light transmittance for motor vehicle sun screening devices on side and rear windows necessary for driving visibility from thirty-five per cent to five per cent plus or minus six per cent. Repeals the requirement that a front number plate be affixed to the front of a motor vehicle. Makes conforming amendments.

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