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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INJURIOUS MATERIALS.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature recognizes that certain irresponsible parties have been intentionally leaving nails, screws, and other items on roads on the island of Oahu, particularly in Kaimuki and Makakilo. These injurious materials have caused severe damage to the tires of motor vehicles. The legislature finds it necessary to ensure the safety of drivers and pedestrians by deterring this behavior.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to prohibit placing, dropping, or leaving injurious materials on highways, lanes, roads, streets, and alleys.

SECTION 2. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to part XII to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§291C- Injurious materials; prohibitions. (a) No person shall intentionally or knowingly place or drop upon any part of a highway, lane, road, street, or alley any tack, bottle, wire, glass, nail, screw, or other article that may



1 damage or injure any person, vehicle, or animal traveling along  
2 or upon the highway, lane, road, street, or alley, unless the  
3 person is authorized to do so by an appropriate governmental  
4 agency.

5 (b) Any person who drops or permits to be dropped or  
6 thrown upon any highway, lane, road, street, or alley any  
7 destructive or injurious material shall immediately remove the  
8 material from the highway, lane, road, street, or alley.

9 (c) Any person authorized to remove a wrecked or damaged  
10 vehicle from a highway, lane, road, street, or alley shall  
11 remove any glass or other injurious substance dropped from the  
12 vehicle upon the highway, lane, road, street, or alley.

13 (d) No person shall place any obstruction in or upon a  
14 highway, lane, road, street, or alley unless authorized to do so  
15 by an appropriate governmental agency.

16 (e) A person convicted of violating of this section shall  
17 be guilty of a violation; provided that if:

18 (1) The offense was committed within one year of a prior  
19 conviction for a motor vehicle or traffic offense, the  
20 person shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor, unless  
21 paragraph (3) applies;



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1        (2) The offense was committed within one year of two or  
2        more prior convictions for motor vehicle or traffic  
3        offenses, the person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor,  
4        unless paragraph (3) applies; and

5        (3) The person violated subsection (a) and did so with  
6        intent to cause physical harm or damage to any person,  
7        vehicle, or animal, the person shall be guilty of a  
8        class C felony."

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

12       SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

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

14       INTRODUCED BY:

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**Report Title:**

Traffic Code; Injurious Materials; Roads; Highways; Penalties

**Description:**

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