

A Bill for an Act Relating to Abandoned Vehicles.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Chapter 290 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, is hereby amended by adding new sections thereto which shall read as follows:

“Section 290- . Derelict vehicle. A vehicle shall be deemed a derelict by the administrative head of the agency designated to carry out section 290-1 under either one of the following conditions:

- (1) If the certificate of registration of the vehicle has expired and the registered and legal owner no longer resides at the address listed on the last certificate of registration on record with the county director of finance;
- (2) if the last registered and legal owner of record disclaims ownership;
- (3) if essential major parts have been removed so as to render the vehicle inoperable, and the vehicle identification numbers, license number plates and other means of identification have been removed so as to nullify efforts to locate or identify the registered and legal owner; or
- (4) if the vehicle registration records of the county director of finance contain no record that the vehicle has ever been registered in the county.

Section 290- . Disposition of derelict vehicle. A derelict vehicle may be immediately disposed of or sold as junk without having to comply with the requirements of section 290-2 and 290-5.

Section 290- . Disposition of unclaimed vehicle. Whenever a county ordinance authorizes the police or other agency designated by the mayor of the county to remove and store vehicles, a vehicle removed and stored under authority of such ordinance may be deemed to have been abandoned for the purposes of this chapter if not claimed within twenty-four hours by a person entitled to possession. Such vehicle may be disposed of in accordance with this chapter for the disposition of abandoned vehicles.”

SECTION 2. Material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.

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

(Approved April 26, 1971.)