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H.B. NO. 514

A Bill for an Act Relating to Motor Vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Section 249-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“Sec. 249-13 Determination of rate.** (a) The council shall determine the rate and the minimum tax at which all vehicles and motor vehicles in each respective county shall be taxed as provided by section 249-2. In making the determination, the rate and minimum tax on trucks or non-commercial motor vehicles shall be in accordance with subsection (b). The rate and minimum tax shall be established by ordinance, provided that prior to final action thereon a public hearing shall be held on the proposed rate. Notice of the time and place of the hearing shall be published at least ten days prior to the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. After the public hearing the council may fix the rate and the

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minimum tax at any amount deemed necessary, but such rate and such minimum shall not be higher than that originally proposed when the notice of public hearing was published. Any rate and minimum tax so established shall be effective as of January 1 of the year following the date of enactment of the ordinance.

(b) The rate and minimum tax for a truck or non-commercial motor vehicle shall be the same as provided for a passenger vehicle if:

- (1) The truck or non-commercial motor vehicle has a net weight of six thousand five hundred pounds or less; and
- (2) The owner submits proof to the director of finance that the truck or non-commercial motor vehicle is not being operated for compensation or commercial purposes.

(c) Any person who submits proof under subsection (b) to the director of finance knowing that it is false shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.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 May 16, 1978.)

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\*Edited accordingly.