

A Bill for an Act Relating to Highway Safety.

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

SECTION 1. Section 286-47, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§286-47 Certificate of registration; certificate of ownership; containers. Upon the registration of a vehicle, the director of finance shall issue a certificate of registration to the owner and a certificate of ownership to the legal owner, or to a dealer who shall be a person licensed to sell new motor vehicles under chapter 437 which certificates shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Both the certificate of registration and the certificate of ownership shall contain upon the face thereof, the date issued, the registration number assigned to the owner and to the vehicle, the name and address of the owner and legal owner in typewriting, also such description of the registered vehicle as may be determined by the director of finance. If any of the information subsequently proves to be a typographical error, the dealer, as defined in section 437-1, shall notify the director of finance of the error by a written certificate stating the reasons for and nature of the error and the correction which should be made in the certificate of registration and the certificate of ownership. Upon receipt of the dealer's certificate by the director of finance, the certificate of registration and the certificate of ownership shall be corrected accordingly so long as the correction does not constitute a change of the vehicle originally registered. A fee shall be paid to the director of finance for each instance of correction of the registration records. The fee charged for each instance of correction of the registration records shall be established by the county's legislative body.
- (2) In addition to the requirements provided for in paragraph (1) above, the

face of the certificate of ownership shall contain endorsement lines for the transfer of title or interest of the registered owner and legal owner, and the odometer reading of the vehicle on the date of transfer. The reverse side of the certificate of ownership shall contain the application for registration by the transferee.

- (3) (A) Every owner shall keep the certificate of registration within the vehicle for which it is registered and shall present the same at the request of a police officer, or in the event the vehicle is a motorcycle, shall carry such certificate in a convenient receptacle attached to the vehicle and which shall be presented at the request of a police officer.
- (B) This shall not apply to state or county vehicles readily identified by the license plates and markings on sides of said vehicles.
- (C) This requirement to carry the certificate of registration with the vehicle shall not apply when such certificate is removed from the vehicle for the purpose of application for renewal, or transfer of registration or to record a change in the registration."

SECTION 2. Section 28651†, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§286-51 Registration, expense. Every certificate of registration issued under this part shall expire at midnight on December 31 of each year and shall be renewed annually before April 1 of each year upon application by the registered owner by presentation of the last issued certificate of registration or the last issued application for renewal, such renewal to take effect as of January 1 of each year; provided that, the certificate of registration for each motor vehicle in the counties of the State may be renewed on a staggered basis, if a county elects to do so. The director of finance of each county may promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the purposes stated in this section and shall expend the necessary funds from his operating funds as may be necessary for these purposes; provided further, that the director of finance, if he has ascertained as of the date of the application that the registered owner has not deposited or paid bail with respect to any summons or citation issued to the registered owner for stopping, standing, or parking in violation of traffic ordinances within the county, may require, as a condition precedent to the renewal, that the registered owner deposit or pay bail with respect to all such summons or citations. The certificates of registration issued hereunder shall show, in addition to all information required under section 28647††, the serial number of the tag or emblem and shall be valid during the registration year only for which they are issued. The certificates of ownership need not be renewed annually but shall remain valid as to any interest shown therein until canceled by the director of finance as provided by law or replaced by new certificates of ownership as hereinafter provided.

This part shall be administered by the director of finance in conjunction with the requirements of sections 249-1 to 249-13 and shall entail no additional expense or charge to the person registering the ownership of a motor vehicle other than as pro-

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vided by this section or by other laws; provided that for each new certificate of charge to the person registering the ownership of a motor vehicle other than as provided by this section or by other laws provided, that for each new certificate of ownership issued by the director of finance under section 286-52, the director of finance may charge a fee which shall be deposited in the general fund. The fee(s) charged to issue a new certificate of ownership shall be established by the county's legislative body."

SECTION 3. Section 286-55, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§286-55 Certificates lost or mutilated. If any certificate of registration or certificate of ownership is lost, mutilated, or becomes illegible, the person to whom the same has been issued shall immediately make application for and may obtain a duplicate thereof upon furnishing satisfactory information to the director of finance and upon payment of a fee, which fee shall be established by the county's legislative body.

When a certificate of ownership is lost, damaged, mutilated or stolen, the director of finance shall provide to a qualified applicant an application form for a duplicate certificate of ownership. The names and addresses of the transferor and transferee shall be written in the application form and the same, together with the last issued certificate of registration, the fee for the duplicate certificate of ownership, plus the transfer fee, shall be filed with the director of finance."

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.*

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1982.

(Approved May 26, 1981.)

*The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.