

**ACT 135**

**H.B. NO. 2815-82**

**A Bill for an Act Relating to the Registration of Vehicles.**

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

**SECTION 1.** The purposes of this Act are to beautify primary highways under the jurisdiction of the various counties, and to defray the cost of disposition and other related activities of abandoned vehicles.

**SECTION 2.** Section 286-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read

as follows:

**“§286-51 Registration, expense. (a)** 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] adopt 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 286-47, 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 herein-after provided.

(b) 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 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)] fees charged to issue a new certificate of ownership shall be established by the county's legislative body.

Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, an additional fee of not more than 50 cents per certificate of registration may be established by ordinance and collected annually by the director of finance of each county, to be used and administered by each county for the purpose of beautification and other related activities of primary highways under the ownership, control, and jurisdiction of each county, and to defray the additional cost in the disposition and other related activities of abandoned vehicles as prescribed in chapter 290. The moneys so assessed and collected shall be placed in a revolving fund entitled, “the highway beautification and disposal of abandoned vehicles revolving fund.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1982.

(Approved May 27, 1982.)