

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

SECTION 1. Section 286-54, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§286-54 Nonresidents. A nonresident owner of a motor vehicle which has been duly registered for the current year in the state or country of which he is a resident and in accordance with the laws thereof, may, in lieu of registering the vehicle as otherwise required by this part, apply to the director of finance for the registration thereof as provided in this section.

A nonresident owner shall, within ten days after commencing to operate the vehicle or causing or permitting it to be operated within the State, apply to the director of finance for the registration thereof upon the appropriate official form stating therein the name and home address of the owner and the temporary address, if any, of the owner while within the State, the registration number of the vehicle as assigned thereto in the state or country in which the owner is a resident, together with such description of the motor vehicle as may be called for in the form and such other statements of facts as may be required by the director of finance.

The director of finance shall file every application received and register the vehicle therein described and the owner thereof in suitable books or on index cards, and shall[, without charge,] issue to the owner a registration certificate of a distinctive form containing the date of its issue, a brief description of the vehicle, and a statement that the owner has procured registration of the vehicle as a nonresident.

No nonresident owner of a motor vehicle which has been duly registered for the current year in the state or country of which he is a resident shall operate any such vehicle or cause or permit to be operated upon the public highways, either before or while it is registered under this section, unless there is at all times displayed thereon the current registration number plates assigned to the vehicle [for the current calendar year] by the state or country of which the owner is a resident, nor unless the certificate of registration [when issued thereto, is placed in a certificate holder and securely fasten the same in plain sight within the driver's compartment of the vehicle for which the certificate is issued,] is kept within the vehicle for which it is registered, or in the event the vehicle is a motorcycle, carry such certificate of registration in [the tool bag or other] a convenient receptacle attached to the vehicle. The director of finance shall also furnish the owner with an emblem bearing a serial number with the words “VEHICLE PERMIT” and the date of expiration of such emblem to be placed on the rear bumper in plain sight of such vehicle, or when issued to a motorcycle emblem to be placed on rear fender.

Every certificate of registration issued pursuant to this section shall be valid for the unexpired portion of the current license number plates assigned to the vehicle in accordance with the law of the state or country of which the owner is a resident; provided[,] that in no case shall such a certificate be issued to exceed a twelve month period.

Whenever a vehicle is registered under this section, the sum of \$5 shall be assessed against the owner of the vehicle to defray the administrative costs incurred by the country. Subsequent changes in the amount of the administrative costs shall be established by the county's legislative body.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is

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underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1982.

(Approved June 5, 1982.)