ACT 125

H.B. NO. 2337-84

A Bill for an Act Relating to Tail Lights on Vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Section 291-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§291-31 Tail lights on vehicles[.], motorcycles and motor scooters. (a) From thirty minutes after sunset to thirty minutes before sunrise, at any time while a vehicle, other than a bicycle, motorcycle or motor scooter, is operated on any public highway, there shall be displayed at the rear [a tail light which shall display a red light] thereof at least two tail lights, spaced as far apart as practicable, which shall display red lights visible not less than two hundred feet from the rear thereof, and so constructed and placed in those cases,]; provided that vehicles manufactured prior to 1968 originally equipped with a single tail light assembly need only display a single tail light; and where a registration number plate is required by law to be carried on the rear thereof, [that] the same shall be illuminated by a white light in such manner that the registration number thereon can be plainly distinguished at a distance of not less than fifty feet [toward] from the rear thereof]; except that the council of any county may provide by ordinance that no tail lights need be displayed upon any such vehicle when stopped or parked in accordance with local parking regulations upon a highway where there is sufficient light to reveal any person or object for the specified distance upon such highways as the council may deem safe].

(b) From thirty minutes after sunset to thirty minutes before sunrise, at any time while a motorcycle or motor scooter is operated on any public highway, there shall be displayed at the rear thereof, a tail light which shall display a red light visible not less than two hundred feet from the rear thereof; and if a registration number plate is required by law to be carried on the rear of the motorcycle or motor scooter, the same shall be illuminated by a white light in such manner that the registration number thereon can be plainly distinguished at a distance of not less than fifty feet from the rear thereof."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.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

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

(Approved May 18, 1984.)