

ACT 210

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S.B. NO. 1088

A Bill for an Act Relating to Motor Vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Section 291-31.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) No person shall knowingly operate, affix or cause to be affixed, [knowingly] display, or [knowingly] possess any lamp, reflector, or illumination device which appears to be the color blue upon any motor vehicle, motorcycle, motor scooter, bicycle, or moped except for: (1) county law enforcement vehicles authorized and approved by the chief of police of the county in which the vehicle is operated[.]; or (2) department of public safety law enforcement vehicles authorized and approved by the director of public safety. This prohibition shall not apply to factory-installed instrument illumination.”

SECTION 2. Chapter 249, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§249- **Special number plates; military service.** (a) In lieu of the number plates contracted on behalf of the counties by the director of finance of the city and county of Honolulu, the director of finance shall provide for a fee, one set of special number plates upon the receipt of an application together with specific proof that the applicant was awarded the Purple Heart by the United States Department of Defense for wounds received in military or naval combat against an armed enemy of the United States, or certification that the applicant is a veteran.

(b) The design of the plates for purple heart recipients shall include the words “COMBAT WOUNDED” and the design of the plates for veterans shall include the word “VETERAN.” These designations shall be imprinted on the left side of the license plates in a manner similar to congressional and honorary consul license plates.

(c) Registration certificates and license plates issued under this section shall not be transferable to any other person and shall be limited to only one vehicle for each qualified applicant. Prior to the transfer of the ownership of the qualified person’s vehicle to another party, the special license plates shall be surrendered to the director of finance as a condition to the issuance of replacement license plates, provided that the director of finance shall allow the survivor of the qualified person, upon request, to retain the front special license plate as a memorial.

(d) The director of finance shall authorize the design of a license plate that is readily identifiable and distinguishable under actual traffic conditions and shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to carry out this section.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval; provided that SECTION 2 shall take effect on January 1, 1992.

(Approved May 30, 1991.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.