

ACT 71

H.B. NO. 807

A Bill for an Act Relating to Chapter 291E.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 291E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§291E- Habitually operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant. (a) A person commits the offense of habitually operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant if:

- (1) The person is a habitual operator of a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant; and
- (2) The person operates or assumes actual physical control of a vehicle:
 - (A) While under the influence of alcohol in an amount sufficient to impair the person’s normal mental faculties or ability to care for the person and guard against casualty;
 - (B) While under the influence of any drug that impairs the person’s ability to operate the vehicle in a careful and prudent manner;
 - (C) With .08 or more grams of alcohol per two hundred ten liters of breath; or
 - (D) With .08 or more grams of alcohol per one hundred milliliters or cubic centimeters of blood.

(b) For the purposes of this section:

“Convicted three or more times for offenses of operating a vehicle under the influence” means that, at the time of the behavior for which the person is charged under this section, the person had three or more times within ten years of the instant offense:

- (1) A judgment on a verdict or a finding of guilty, or a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, for a violation of this section or section 291-4, 291-4.4, or 291-7 as those sections were in effect on December 31, 2001;

- (2) A judgment on a verdict or a finding of guilty, or a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, for an offense that is comparable to this section or section 291-4, 291-4.4, or 291-7 as those sections were in effect on December 31, 2001, or section 291E-61 or 707-702.5; or
- (3) An adjudication of a minor for a law or probation violation that, if committed by an adult, would constitute a violation of this section or section 291-4, 291-4.4, or 291-7 as those sections were in effect on December 31, 2001, or section 291E-61 or 707-702.5;

that, at the time of the instant offense, had not been expunged by pardon, reversed, or set aside. All convictions that have been expunged by pardon, reversed, or set aside prior to the instant offense shall not be deemed prior convictions for the purposes of proving the person's status as a habitual operator of a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant.

A person has the status of a "habitual operator of a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant" if the person has been convicted three or more times within ten years of the instant offense, for offenses of operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant.

(c) Habitually operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant is a class C felony.

(d) For a conviction under this section, the sentence shall be either:

- (1) An indeterminate term of imprisonment of five years; or
- (2) A term of probation of five years, with conditions to include:
 - (A) Mandatory revocation of license and privilege to operate a vehicle for a period not less than one year but not more than five years;
 - (B) Not less than ten days imprisonment, of which at least forty-eight hours shall be served consecutively;
 - (C) Referral to a certified substance abuse counselor as provided in section 291E-61(d); and
 - (D) A surcharge of \$25 to be deposited into the neurotrauma special fund."

SECTION 2. Section 291E-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"[H]§291E-4[] Convictions and acts prior to January 1, 2002. (a) Any:

- (1) Conviction for an offense under section 200-81, 291-4, 291-4.4, or 291-7[;] as those sections were in effect on December 31, 2001; [øf]
- (2) Conviction in any other state or federal jurisdiction for an offense that is comparable to operating or being in physical control of a vehicle while having either an unlawful alcohol concentration or an unlawful drug content in the blood or urine or while under the influence of an intoxicant; or
- (3) Adjudication of a minor for a law violation that, if committed by an adult, would constitute a violation of section 200-81, 291-4, 291-4.4, 291-4.5, or 291-7 as those sections were in effect on December 31, 2001;

shall be counted as a prior offense for purposes of section 291E-41 or 291E-61.

(b) Any conviction of an offense under section 291-4, 291-4.4, 291-4.5, or 291-7 as those sections were in effect on December 31, 2001, shall be counted for purposes of imposing sentence for a violation under section 291E-62."

SECTION 3. Section 291E-61, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

“(b) A person committing the offense of operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant shall be sentenced as follows without possibility of probation or suspension of sentence:

- (1) For the first offense, or any offense not preceded within a five-year period by a conviction for an offense under this section or section 291E-4(a):
 - (A) A fourteen-hour minimum substance abuse rehabilitation program, including education and counseling, or other comparable program deemed appropriate by the court;
 - (B) Ninety-day prompt suspension of license and privilege to operate a vehicle during the suspension period, or the court may impose, in lieu of the ninety-day prompt suspension of license, a minimum thirty-day prompt suspension of license with absolute prohibition from operating a vehicle and, for the remainder of the ninety-day period, a restriction on the license that allows the person to drive for limited work-related purposes and to participate in substance abuse treatment programs;
 - (C) Any one or more of the following:
 - (i) Seventy-two hours of community service work;
 - (ii) Not less than forty-eight hours and not more than five days of imprisonment; or
 - (iii) A fine of not less than \$150 but not more than \$1,000; and
 - (D) A surcharge of \$25 to be deposited into the neurotrauma special fund;
- (2) For an offense that occurs within five years of a prior conviction for an offense under this section or section 291E-4(a) by:
 - (A) Prompt suspension of license and privilege to operate a vehicle for a period of one year with an absolute prohibition from operating a vehicle during the suspension period;
 - (B) Either one of the following:
 - (i) Not less than two hundred forty hours of community service work; or
 - (ii) Not less than five days but not more than fourteen days of imprisonment of which at least forty-eight hours shall be served consecutively;
 - (C) A fine of not less than \$500 but not more than \$1,500; and
 - (D) A surcharge of \$25 to be deposited into the neurotrauma special fund;
- (3) For an offense that occurs within five years of two prior convictions for offenses under this section or section 291E-4(a):
 - (A) A fine of not less than \$500 but not more than \$2,500;
 - (B) Revocation of license and privilege to operate a vehicle for a period not less than one year but not more than five years;
 - (C) Not less than ten days but not more than thirty days imprisonment of which at least forty-eight hours shall be served consecutively; and
 - (D) A surcharge of \$25 to be deposited into the neurotrauma special fund;
- ~~[(4) For an offense that occurs within ten years of three or more prior convictions for offenses under this section, section 707-702.5, or section 291E-4(a):~~
 - ~~(A) Mandatory revocation of license and privilege to operate a vehicle for a period not less than one year but not more than five years;~~

- (B) ~~Not less than ten days imprisonment, of which at least forty-eight hours shall be served consecutively;~~
- (C) ~~Referral to a substance abuse counselor as provided in subsection (d); and~~
- (D) ~~A surcharge of \$25 to be deposited into the neurotrauma special fund.~~

~~An offense under this paragraph is a class C felony.]~~
~~and~~

- (5) (4) Any person eighteen years of age or older who is convicted under this section and who operated a vehicle with a passenger, in or on the vehicle, who was younger than fifteen years of age, shall be sentenced to an additional mandatory fine of \$500 and an additional mandatory term of imprisonment of forty-eight hours; provided that the total term of imprisonment for a person convicted under this paragraph and ~~[paragraphs]~~ paragraph (1), (2), or (3) shall not exceed thirty days.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any:
 - (1) Conviction under this section or section 291E-4(a); ~~[or]~~
 - (2) Conviction in any other state or federal jurisdiction for an offense that is comparable to operating or being in physical control of a vehicle while having either an unlawful alcohol concentration or an unlawful drug content in the blood or urine or while under the influence of an intoxicant; or
 - (3) Adjudication of a minor for a law violation that, if committed by an adult, would constitute a violation of this section or an offense under section 291E-4(a);

shall be considered a prior conviction for the purposes of imposing sentence under this section. Any judgment on a verdict or a finding of guilty, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or an adjudication in the case of a minor, that at the time of the offense has not been expunged by pardon, reversed, or set aside shall be deemed a prior conviction under this section. No license and privilege suspension or revocation shall be imposed pursuant to this section if the person's license and privilege to operate a vehicle has previously been administratively revoked pursuant to part III for the same act; provided that, if the administrative suspension or revocation is subsequently reversed, the person's license and privilege to operate a vehicle shall be suspended or revoked as provided in this section."

SECTION 4. Section 291E-62, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) No person whose license and privilege to operate a vehicle have been revoked, suspended, or otherwise restricted pursuant to part III or section 291E-61, or to part VII or part XIV of chapter 286 or section 200-81, 291-4, 291-4.4, 291-4.5, or 291-7 as those provisions were in effect on December 31, 2001, shall operate or assume actual physical control of any vehicle:

- (1) In violation of any restrictions placed on the person's license; or
- (2) While the person's license or privilege to operate a vehicle remains suspended or revoked."

SECTION 5. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2004.

(Approved May 20, 2003.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.