

ACT 47

H.B. NO. 267

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Motor Vehicle Rental Industry.

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to ease the interisland transportation of rental motor vehicles. Tourists, from time to time, become frustrated and cancel their plans to take their rental vehicle to a neighbor island by interisland water carrier due to lost or misplaced documents relating to their rental motor vehicle. The passage of this Act will significantly reduce these problems by reducing current restrictions for such documents as they apply to rental motor vehicles.

SECTION 2. Section 286-271, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

“(e) This section shall not apply to:

- (1) Any motor vehicle rental company as defined in section 431:9A-141 that periodically ships in quantities of ten vehicles or more;
- (2) Licensed dealers who periodically ship in quantities of ten vehicles or more, or whose primary business is the auction of insurance salvage vehicles; [ø]

- (3) ~~Drivers~~ Except for a lessee of a rental motor vehicle under paragraph (4), drivers of vehicles ~~traveling on an interisland ferry;~~ transported by any water carrier authorized by the public utilities commission to transport vehicles interisland; provided that ~~such drivers present~~ the driver presents identification ~~of the driver~~, a current certificate of registration for the vehicle, and proof of motor vehicle insurance. The interisland ~~ferry~~ water carrier shall keep a record of transporting the vehicle by recording the vehicle identification number and retaining the information for three years after the date of travel~~[-]; or~~
- (4) A lessee of a rental motor vehicle; provided that:
- (A) The rental motor vehicle is transported by any water carrier authorized by the public utilities commission to transport vehicles interisland;
- (B) The water carrier has a written agreement with the owner of the rental motor vehicle; and
- (C) The water carrier records and retains the information required under subsections (d) and (f).

For purposes of this subsection, “lessee” and “rental motor vehicle” have the same meanings as those terms are defined in section 437D-3.”

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

(Approved May 6, 2009.)