

ACT 192

H.B. NO. 436

A Bill for an Act Relating to Emergency Vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to require approaching vehicles to slow and change lanes when nearing certain emergency vehicles that are stopped for official duties, by amending the definition of "emergency vehicle" in the statewide traffic code to include these vehicles.

SECTION 2. Section 291C-27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(b) As used in this section, "emergency vehicle" means a police or fire department vehicle, ocean safety vehicle, emergency medical services vehicle, freeway service patrol vehicle, sheriff division vehicle, Hawaii emergency management agency vehicle, county emergency management vehicle, civil defense vehicle, department of transportation harbors division vehicle, department of land and natural resources division of conservation and resources enforcement vehicle, or a tow truck."

SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun before its effective date.

SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved July 1, 2015.)