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H.B. NO. 1011

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Traffic Code.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the number of motor vehicles using wheels with a propensity to cause severe injury and property damage has increased. By design, most of these wheels have parts that extend past their rim, including gorilla pokes, superpoke elbows, and giraffe necks; however, others not designed as such are just as dangerous due to the addition of aftermarket parts, such as lug nuts and wheel covers that bear sharp, pointed projections.

The legislature further finds that existing law does not address the inherent dangers associated with the use of this type of motor vehicle wheel.

The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the use of certain types of motor vehicle wheels that are considered dangerous.

SECTION 2. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to part XII to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

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“§291C- Dangerous wheels; prohibited. No person shall operate a vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer equipped with dangerous wheels.”

SECTION 3. Section 291C-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted and to read as follows:

““Dangerous wheels” means any wheel, wheel cover, hubcap, lug nut cover or cap, prong, or any ornamentation affixed to any of the aforementioned items that extends at least four inches beyond the portion of the wheel rim that extends furthest away from the vehicle and that may cause injury or property damage by minimal contact with a person or object.”

SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun before its effective date.

SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 21, 2016.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.