ACT 73

H.B. NO. 2161

A Bill for an Act Relating to Vehicle Inspection Stations.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that revoking or suspending vehicle inspection station licenses leads to unemployment for the employees of the station. This shifts the consequences of noncompliance with inspection requirements from station owners or management to station employees who may have little or no decision-making power in regards to station operation.

The purpose of this Act is to end the burden of unemployment due to a revocation or suspension of an inspection station's license, which may impact station workers and their families, communities, and the State. SECTION 2. Section 286-28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§286-28 [Suspension or revocation of permits.] Fines. The department shall supervise and cause inspections to be made of official inspection stations and shall [suspend or revoke and require the surrender of the permit issued] issue a fine in an amount determined by the department by rule, to a station which it finds is not properly conducting inspections. After three violations, the vehicle inspection station license will be subject to suspension or revocation. The department shall maintain and post at its office lists of all stations holding permits and those whose permits have been suspended or revoked."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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, 2018. (Approved June 29, 2018.)