

A Bill for an Act Relating to Vehicle Inspections.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**“§286- Vehicle inspector; certification; renewal.** (a) The director shall supervise and certify all inspectors authorized to conduct vehicle safety inspections at official inspection stations. The director shall:

- (1) Determine minimum standards and application criteria for inspectors;
- (2) Administer written and performance examinations for all applicants;
- (3) Issue official inspector certificates;
- (4) Monitor inspection activities of inspectors; and
- (5) Conduct investigations of reported or suspected improper inspection activities.

(b) Inspector certificates shall expire four years from the date of issuance, unless revoked or suspended by the director.

(c) Recertification of inspectors shall follow the application process for initial certification.”

SECTION 2. Section 286-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

“(e) The county finance director, upon being notified by the designated county department that a vehicle is a special interest vehicle [~~or that a vehicle has been inspected and approved as a reconstructed vehicle~~], shall cause that fact to be shown upon the registration and title certificates for that vehicle.”

SECTION 3. Section 286-85, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“§286-85 Reconstructed vehicles, approval required.** (a) No person shall operate a reconstructed vehicle upon a public highway unless it has been inspected and certified by the designated county agency as meeting the specifications and requirements established in rules and regulations adopted by the state director of transportation.

(b) This section shall not apply to any vehicle which is subject to the rules and regulations of the public utilities commission governing safety of operation and equipment.

(c) Each county through its chief executive officer, shall designate a county department, whose responsibilities shall include the inspection of reconstructed vehicles and the issuance of permits to operate reconstructed vehicles pursuant to standards established by the state director of transportation.

(d) The state director of transportation shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91, establishing the fees an inspector may charge for the inspection of a reconstructed vehicle.

(e) The department designated pursuant to subsection (c) shall identify to the county director of finance every vehicle that has been inspected and approved as a reconstructed vehicle.

(f) This section shall not apply to any privately owned reconstructed vehicle in a county with a population of less than 500,000.

(g) This section shall be inoperative from January 1, 2022, to July 31, 2025.”

SECTION 4. The department of transportation shall submit a report on the effects of repealing section 286-85, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to determine if this repeal should be made permanent, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2025.

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.<sup>1</sup>

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

(Approved June 30, 2021.)

**Note**

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.