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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 249-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "**§249-2 Imposition of tax.** Except as otherwise provided  
4 in sections 249-1 to 249-13, and except in the case of antique  
5 motor vehicles which shall be subject to an annual tax of \$10 in  
6 lieu of the annual tax otherwise imposed by this section, all  
7 vehicles and motor vehicles as defined in section 249-1, shall  
8 be subject to an annual tax, computed, except for the minimum  
9 tax provided for in section 249-13 according to the net weight  
10 of each vehicle at a rate determined as hereinafter provided in  
11 section 249-13. [~~The tax shall become due and payable on~~  
12 ~~January 1 and must be paid before April 1, in each year.~~] The  
13 tax shall be paid by the owner of each vehicle in the county in  
14 which the vehicle is located at the time of registration,  
15 whether the original registration or any subsequent  
16 registration, and shall be collected by the director of finance  
17 of such county; provided that if [~~any such~~] a vehicle is  
18 transported to another county after the payment of [~~such~~] the



1 tax, no additional tax shall be imposed on [~~such~~] the vehicle  
2 for the remaining period of the year for which [~~such~~] the tax  
3 has been paid."

4 SECTION 2. Section 249-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

6 "(a) All vehicles and motor vehicles in the State as  
7 defined in section 249-1, including antique motor vehicles,  
8 except as otherwise provided in sections 249-4 and 249-6, shall  
9 be subject to a \$25 annual vehicle registration fee. The fee  
10 [~~shall become due and payable on January 1, and~~] shall be paid  
11 before April 1 in each year together with all other taxes and  
12 fees levied by this chapter [~~; provided that should any county~~  
13 ~~elect to renew motor vehicle registrations~~] on a staggered basis  
14 as established by each county as authorized by section 286-51,  
15 and the state registration for that county shall likewise be  
16 staggered so that the state registration fee is due and payable  
17 at the same time and shall be collected together with the county  
18 fee. The state registration fee shall be deemed delinquent if  
19 not paid with the county registration fee. The respective  
20 counties shall collect this fee together with the vehicle  
21 registration tax collected for the county and shall transfer the  
22 moneys collected under this section to the State."



1 SECTION 3. Section 286-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 " (a) ~~[Every certificate of registration issued under this~~  
4 ~~part shall expire at midnight on December 31 of each year and~~  
5 ~~shall be renewed annually before April 1 of each year upon~~  
6 ~~application by the registered owner by presentation of the last~~  
7 ~~issued certificate of registration or the last issued~~  
8 ~~application for renewal, such renewal to take effect as of~~  
9 ~~January 1 of each year; provided that the]~~ The certificate of  
10 registration for each motor vehicle in the counties of the State  
11 [~~may~~] shall be renewed on a staggered basis [~~, if a county elects~~  
12 ~~to do so.~~] as established by each county. The director of  
13 finance of each county may adopt rules to carry out the purposes  
14 stated in this section and shall expend the necessary funds from  
15 the director's operating funds as may be necessary for these  
16 purposes; provided that the director of finance, if the director  
17 has ascertained as of the date of the application that the  
18 registered owner has not deposited or paid bail with respect to  
19 any summons or citation issued to the registered owner for  
20 stopping, standing, or parking in violation of traffic  
21 ordinances within the county, may require, as a condition  
22 precedent to the renewal, that the registered owner deposit or



1 pay bail with respect to all such summons or citations. The  
2 certificates of registration issued hereunder shall show, in  
3 addition to all information required under section 286-47, the  
4 serial number of the tag or emblem and shall be valid during the  
5 registration year only for which they are issued. The  
6 certificates of ownership need not be renewed annually but shall  
7 remain valid as to any interest shown therein until canceled by  
8 the director of finance as provided by law or replaced by new  
9 certificates of ownership as hereinafter provided."

10 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

Counties; Motor Vehicle Registration

**Description:**

Repeals obsolete provisions relating to annual motor vehicle registration. (SD1)

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