
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that annual safety
2 inspections performed on motor vehicles serve the public
3 interest by ensuring that vehicles being driven on Hawaii's
4 roadways are in safe operating condition. Periodic motor
5 vehicle inspection programs identify defects in vehicles and
6 improves highway safety. However, these annual safety
7 inspections cost considerable time and money for certain
8 residents. Additionally, new requirements for photographs and
9 other paperwork have led to a longer and more complicated safety
10 inspection process; wait times to schedule an annual safety
11 inspection in some communities can be over one week. Motor
12 vehicle safety inspection stations, as well as government
13 agencies responsible for oversight of motor vehicle safety
14 inspections and inspection stations, are also experiencing an
15 increase in workload and the consumption of increased time and
16 energy because of these new requirements.



1 The legislature finds that requiring vehicle inspections
2 every two years rather than every year for vehicles registered
3 in a county with a population of three hundred thousand or less
4 will save consumers, businesses, and government agencies
5 considerable time, energy, and money without compromising safety
6 on the roadways.

7 The purpose of this Act is to require motor vehicle safety
8 inspections to be conducted every two years rather than annually
9 while allowing for the maintenance of fees in such a way so as
10 to ensure fiscal neutrality for both consumers and motor vehicle
11 safety inspection stations for vehicles registered in a county
12 with a population of three hundred thousand or less.

13 SECTION 2. Section 286-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended as follows:

15 1. By amending subsection (b) to read:

16 "(b) All other vehicles, including motorcycles, trailers,
17 semitrailers, and pole trailers having a gross vehicle weight
18 rating of 10,000 pounds or less, and antique motor vehicles as
19 defined in section 249-1, except those in subsections (c) and
20 (d), shall be certified as provided in subsection (e) every
21 twelve months; provided that any vehicle to which this



1 subsection applies [~~shall not require inspection within two~~
2 ~~years of the date on which the vehicle was first sold.~~] that is
3 registered in a county with a population of three hundred
4 thousand or less shall be certified every twenty-four months as
5 provided in subsection (e)."

6 2. By amending subsection (e) to read:

7 "(e) Upon application for a certificate of inspection to
8 be issued for a vehicle, an inspection as prescribed by the
9 director under subsection (g) shall be conducted on the vehicle,
10 and if the vehicle is found to be in a safe operating condition,
11 a certificate of inspection shall be issued upon payment of a
12 fee to be determined by the director[-]; provided that the fee
13 determined by the director for vehicles registered in a county
14 with a population of three hundred thousand or less shall
15 reflect the aggregate cost as if annual inspections were
16 conducted over the two year certification period. The
17 certificate shall state the effective date, the termination
18 date, the name of the issuing insurance carrier, and the policy
19 number of the motor vehicle insurance identification card for
20 the inspected motor vehicle as specified by section 431:10C-107
21 or state the information contained in the proof of insurance



1 card as specified by section 431:10G-106. A sticker, authorized
2 by the director, shall be affixed to the vehicle at the time a
3 certificate of inspection is issued. An inspection sticker
4 which has been lost, stolen, or destroyed shall be replaced
5 without reinspection by the inspection station that issued the
6 original inspection sticker upon presentation of the vehicle's
7 current certificate of inspection; provided that the current
8 certificate of inspection and inspection sticker shall not have
9 expired at the time the replacement is requested. The director
10 shall adopt rules to determine the fee for replacement of lost,
11 stolen, or destroyed inspection stickers."

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

15 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112.



Report Title:

Motor Vehicles; Certificates of Inspection

Description:

Requires motor vehicle safety inspections to be conducted every two years rather than annually for vehicles registered in a county with a population of three hundred thousand or less.
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