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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOPEDS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that mopeds provide an  
2 inexpensive, reliable, and convenient means of transportation.  
3 Mopeds can also be illegally modified and converted to be able  
4 to reach speeds above the legal limit, and illegally altered  
5 mopeds have had a detrimental impact on neighborhoods due to the  
6 loud noises that disturb residents.

7           The legislature further finds that Act 200, Session Laws of  
8 Hawaii 2016 (Act 200), was enacted to require annual  
9 registration and safety inspections for mopeds as a means of  
10 helping to resolve the ongoing issue of illegally modified  
11 mopeds. While about five thousand mopeds have since been  
12 registered under the new law, it is believed that there may  
13 still be thousands that have not been registered. While there  
14 are penalties for failure to have a safety inspection and  
15 illegal modifications, Act 200 did not include a penalty for  
16 failure to register a moped. The Honolulu police department



1 recommends that, to encourage compliance, a fine for  
2 unregistered mopeds should be authorized.

3 The purpose of this Act is to establish a fine for failure  
4 to register a moped.

5 SECTION 2. Section 249-14.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 " ~~[+]~~§249-14.1~~[+]~~ **Number plates for mopeds;**  
8 **registration~~[-]~~; fine.** (a) The director of finance shall cause  
9 to be produced number plates and tags or emblems for the  
10 registration of mopeds operated in the State.

11 (b) The director of finance shall number and register the  
12 moped in the owner's name in a permanent record or book to be  
13 kept by the director of finance for this purpose, and shall  
14 furnish the owner thereof with a receipt showing upon its face  
15 the license number issued for the moped. The registration of  
16 mopeds shall occur on a staggered basis as agreed upon by the  
17 counties' director of finance. The registration fee shall be  
18 \$27 per year. The director of finance shall also furnish the  
19 owner, upon the original registration of the moped, one plate  
20 with the registration number marked thereon. Upon the payment  
21 of a registration fee for each year, a tag or emblem bearing a



1 serial number and the month and year of expiration shall be  
2 provided to the owner. Transfer of current number plates, tag,  
3 or emblem, except as authorized by this chapter, is punishable  
4 by a fine of not more than \$50 for each offense.

5 (c) Upon an original registration the director of finance  
6 shall fix, and shall charge to the owner, a fee equal to the  
7 cost of the number plate and tag or emblem plus the  
8 administrative cost of furnishing the plate and tag or emblem  
9 and effecting the registration. Upon the issuance of a new  
10 series of number plates, the director of finance shall charge  
11 the owner a fee equal to the costs of the number plate plus the  
12 administrative cost of furnishing the plate. Upon issuing a tag  
13 or emblem, the director of finance shall charge the owner a fee  
14 of 50 cents. The owner shall securely fasten the number plate  
15 on the rear of the moped at a location provided by the  
16 manufacturer or in the absence of such a location upon the  
17 [~~bumper~~] fender of the moped and in conformance with section  
18 291-31, in such a manner as to prevent the plate from swinging.  
19 The number plate shall at all times be displayed entirely  
20 unobscured and be kept reasonably clean.



1 (d) Upon the issuance of the tag or emblem, the owner  
2 shall affix the tag or emblem to the top right portion of the  
3 rear number plate.

4 (e) An owner who fails to comply with the registration  
5 requirements of this section shall be subject to a fine not to  
6 exceed \$100 per violation."

7 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2035.

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**Report Title:**

Mopeds; Registration Requirements; Fine

**Description:**

Establishes a fine not to exceed \$100 for mopeds owners who fail to comply with moped registration requirements. Effective 7/1/2035. (SD1)

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