



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

June 29, 2018

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1178**

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 29, 2018, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2854 SD1 HD2 CD1

RELATING TO MOPEDS  
**ACT 077 (18)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor  
on JUN 29 2018  
THE SENATE  
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2018  
STATE OF HAWAII

**ACT 077**  
**S.B. NO.** 2854  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 2  
C.D. 1

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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 be illegally modified and converted to be able to  
4 reach speeds above the legal limit. Illegally altered mopeds  
5 have had a detrimental impact on neighborhoods due to the loud  
6 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 failing to have a safety inspection and for  
15 illegal modifications, Act 200 did not include a penalty for  
16 failure to register a moped. The Honolulu police department  
17 recommends authorizing a fine for unregistered mopeds to  
18 encourage compliance.



1           The purpose of this Act is to establish a fine for failure  
2 to register a moped.

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

5           "~~§~~249-14.1~~§~~ Number plates for mopeds;  
6 registration~~[-]~~; fine. (a) The director of finance shall cause  
7 to be produced number plates and tags or emblems for the  
8 registration of mopeds operated in the State.

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



1 or emblem, except as authorized by this chapter, is punishable  
2 by a fine of not more than \$50 for each offense.

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

19 (d) Upon the issuance of the tag or emblem, the owner  
20 shall affix the tag or emblem to the top right portion of the  
21 rear number plate.



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

4        SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6        SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 29 day of JUN, 2018



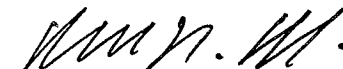
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII


S.B. No. 2854, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: May 1, 2018  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the  
Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2018.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 2854, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 1, 2018  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives