
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that some individuals and
2 entities intentionally abandon vehicles on roads and highways
3 throughout the State, and that it is difficult for the counties
4 to recoup the costs of towing and disposal. The legislature
5 further finds that if the counties were able to require that the
6 costs of towing and disposal be paid as a condition precedent to
7 registration of vehicles, the counties would have an easier time
8 recouping their costs.

9 The purpose of this Act is to allow the director of finance
10 of a county to require payment of outstanding charges owed to
11 the county for the towing, removal, or disposal of an abandoned
12 or derelict vehicle before issuing a motor vehicle registration.

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

15 "(a) The certificate of registration for each motor
16 vehicle in the counties of the State shall be renewed on a
17 staggered basis as established by each county. The director of



1 finance of each county may adopt rules to carry out the purposes
2 stated in this section and shall expend the necessary funds from
3 the director's operating funds as may be necessary for these
4 purposes; provided that the director of finance, if the director
5 has ascertained as of the date of the application that the
6 registered owner has not deposited or paid bail with respect to
7 any summons or citation issued to the registered owner for
8 stopping, standing, or parking in violation of traffic
9 ordinances within the county, or has outstanding charges owed to
10 the county for the towing, removal, or disposal of an abandoned
11 or derelict vehicle within the county, may require, as a
12 condition precedent to the renewal, that the registered owner
13 deposit or pay bail with respect to all such summonses [~~or~~],
14 citations[~~-~~], or outstanding charges; provided that the
15 registered owner shall not be fined if the abandoned or derelict
16 vehicle was stolen or taken from the registered owner without
17 permission or authorization. The certificates of registration
18 issued hereunder shall show, in addition to all information
19 required under section 286-47, the serial number of the tag or
20 emblem and shall be valid during the registration year only for
21 which they are issued. The certificates of ownership need not



1 be renewed annually but shall remain valid as to any interest
2 shown therein until canceled by the director of finance as
3 provided by law or replaced by new certificates of ownership as
4 hereinafter provided."

5 SECTION 3. Section 286-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 "(c) Subsection (b), requiring a transferee to forward the
8 certificate of ownership after endorsement to the director of
9 finance, shall not apply to the transferee of a vehicle who was
10 not intending to and does not drive the vehicle or permit the
11 vehicle to be driven upon the public highways, but every such
12 transferee, upon transferring the transferee's interest or title
13 to another, shall give notice of the transfer to the director of
14 finance and endorse the certificate of ownership to the new
15 legal owner and the certificate of registration to the new
16 owner; provided that if the director of finance has ascertained
17 as of the date of the application that the registered owner has
18 not deposited or paid bail with respect to any summons or
19 citation issued to the registered owner for stopping, standing,
20 or parking in violation of traffic ordinances within the county,
21 or has outstanding charges owed to the county for the towing,



1 removal, or disposal of an abandoned or derelict vehicle within
2 the county, the director may require, as a condition precedent
3 to the transfer, that the registered owner deposit or pay bail
4 with respect to all such summons [~~or~~], citations[-], or
5 outstanding charges; provided that the registered owner shall
6 not be fined if the abandoned or derelict vehicle was stolen or
7 taken from the registered owner without permission or
8 authorization."

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

11 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.



Report Title:

Hawaii State Association of Counties Package; Registration of Vehicles; Outstanding Charges

Description:

Allows the director of finance of a county to require payment of outstanding charges owed to the county for the towing, removal, or disposal of an abandoned or derelict vehicle within the county before issuing a motor vehicle certificate of registration, except when the motor vehicle was stolen or taken without permission or authorization. (HD1)

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