
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BLIND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 286-108, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) Except as provided in section 286-107.5(a), the
4 examiner of drivers shall examine every applicant for a driver's
5 license, except as otherwise provided in this part. The
6 examination shall include a test of:

- 7 (1) The applicant's eyesight and any further physical
8 examination that the examiner of drivers finds
9 necessary to determine the applicant's fitness to
10 operate a motor vehicle safely upon the highways;
- 11 (2) The applicant's ability to understand highway signs
12 regulating, warning, and directing traffic;
- 13 (3) The applicant's knowledge of the rules of the road
14 based on the traffic laws of the State and the traffic
15 ordinances of the county where the applicant resides
16 or intends to operate a motor vehicle; provided that
17 the examination shall specifically test the



1 applicant's knowledge of the provisions of section
2 291C-121.5, ~~and~~ section 291C-137[+], and the
3 exercise of due care to ensure the safety of
4 pedestrians who are blind or visually impaired; and

5 (4) The actual demonstration of ability to exercise
6 ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a
7 motor vehicle.

8 The examinations shall be appropriate to the operation of the
9 category of motor vehicle for which the applicant seeks to be
10 licensed and shall be conducted as required by the director.

11 The examiner of drivers shall require every applicant to
12 comply with section 286-102.5.

13 The examiner of drivers may waive the actual demonstration
14 of ability to operate a motorcycle or motor scooter for any
15 person who furnishes evidence, to the satisfaction of the
16 examiner of drivers, that the person has completed the
17 motorcycle education course approved by the director in
18 accordance with section 431:10G-104.

19 At the time of examination, an application for voter
20 registration by mail shall be made available to every applicant
21 for a driver's license.



1 For the purposes of this section, the term "applicant" does
2 not include any person reactivating a license under section
3 286-107.5(a)."

4 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
5 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
6 begun before its effective date.

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 upon its approval.



Report Title:

Blind Pedestrians; Safety

Description:

Requires the examination for a driver's license to test the applicant's knowledge of operating a vehicle in a manner that ensures the safety of blind or visually impaired pedestrians.
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