
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that motor vehicle
2 inspections are necessary to ensure vehicles are in working
3 order, ultimately increasing safety for all who use the
4 roadways. To optimize the effectiveness of highway safety
5 programs, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
6 recommends that each state have a program for periodic safety
7 inspections of all registered motor vehicles. Inspections are
8 intended to reduce the number of unsafe vehicles on the road.

9 Data from a report released in August 2015, by the United
10 States Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that only
11 sixteen states currently require periodic motor vehicle safety
12 inspections. Of those sixteen states, Hawaii is one of eleven
13 that require inspections to be conducted on an annual basis,
14 while five states require inspections to be conducted on either
15 a biennial or other basis. The results of the GAO study reveal
16 that annual motor vehicle inspection programs do not produce
17 conclusive evidence of improving vehicle safety conditions.
18 Crash rates before and after the elimination of motor vehicles



1 safety inspection programs varied little from year to year
2 following the elimination of inspection programs.

3 The legislature further finds that the current annual
4 inspection program is an undue hardship to many of Hawaii's
5 residents, especially those in rural areas. The recent decrease
6 in availability of safety inspectors and limited business hours
7 of inspection operators favors a shift from annual to biennial
8 inspections. However, the legislature does not intend to permit
9 an increase in the fees collected for inspection services
10 performed on a biennial schedule.

11 The purpose of this Act is to require that motorists obtain
12 a biennial motor vehicle inspection rather than an annual
13 inspection.

14 SECTION 2. Section 286-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

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~~] twenty-four months [~~; provided that any vehicle to which~~



1 ~~this subsection applies shall not require inspection within two~~
2 ~~years of the date on which the vehicle was first sold]."~~

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

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

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Report Title:

Motor Vehicles; Certificates of Inspection

Description:

Requires motor vehicle safety inspections to be conducted every two years rather than annually. (SD1)

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