
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 291-31.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) No person shall knowingly operate, affix or cause to
4 be affixed, display, or possess any lamp, reflector, or
5 illumination device that appears to be the color blue, or colors
6 blue and red, upon any motor vehicle, motorcycle, motor scooter,
7 bicycle, or moped except for:

8 (1) County law enforcement vehicles authorized and
9 approved by the chief of police of the county in which
10 the vehicle is operated;

11 (2) Department of public safety law enforcement vehicles
12 with blue and red lamps, reflectors, or illumination
13 devices authorized and approved by the director of
14 public safety;

15 (3) Department of land and natural resources division of
16 conservation and resources enforcement vehicles with
17 blue and red lamps, reflectors, or illumination



1 devices authorized and approved by the chairperson of
2 the board of land and natural resources; [~~or~~]

3 (4) Department of transportation division of harbors law
4 enforcement vehicles with blue and red lamps,
5 reflectors, or illumination devices authorized and
6 approved by the director of transportation[~~-~~]; or

7 (5) Department of the attorney general law enforcement
8 vehicles with blue and red lamps, reflectors, or
9 illumination devices authorized and approved by the
10 attorney general.

11 This prohibition shall not apply to factory-installed instrument
12 illumination."

13 SECTION 2. Section 291C-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by amending the definition of "authorized emergency
15 vehicle" to read as follows:

16 ""Authorized emergency vehicle" includes fire department
17 vehicles, police vehicles, ambulances, ocean safety vehicles,
18 public safety law enforcement vehicles, conservation and
19 resources enforcement vehicles, [~~and~~] department of
20 transportation division of harbors law enforcement vehicles, and
21 department of the attorney general law enforcement vehicles



1 authorized and approved pursuant to section 291-31.5 that are
2 publicly owned and other publicly or privately owned vehicles
3 designated as such by a county council."

4 SECTION 3. Section 291C-27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

6 "(b) As used in this section, "emergency vehicle" means a
7 police or fire department vehicle, ocean safety vehicle,
8 emergency medical services vehicle, freeway service patrol
9 vehicle, sheriff division vehicle, Hawaii emergency management
10 agency vehicle, county emergency management vehicle, civil
11 defense vehicle, department of transportation harbors division
12 vehicle, department of land and natural resources division of
13 conservation and resources enforcement vehicle, department of
14 the attorney general law enforcement vehicle, or a tow truck."

15 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
16 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
17 begun, before the effective date of this Act.

18 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

Law Enforcement Vehicles

Description:

Allows the Department of the Attorney General to have law enforcement vehicles, with colored lights, that are recognized authorized emergency vehicles. (SD1)

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