
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that due to the shortage
2 of police officers in every county, enforcement of special no
3 stopping, standing, or parking zones throughout the State is
4 very limited. Unlike the department of transportation airport
5 and harbor divisions, the highway division does not have an
6 enforcement branch and relies on county police departments to
7 enforce traffic and safety violations.

8 The purpose of this Act is to improve public safety and
9 efficiency by authorizing county police chiefs to designate
10 other county employees, such as trained county staff or park
11 rangers, to cite for certain traffic violations.

12 SECTION 2. Section 291C-165, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

14 "(a) There shall be provided for use by authorized police
15 officers, or county employees designated by the county chiefs of
16 police, a form of summons or citation for use in citing
17 violators of those traffic laws [~~which~~] that do not mandate the



1 physical arrest of [sueh] violators. The form and content of
2 [sueh] the summons or citation shall be as adopted or prescribed
3 by the administrative judge of the district courts and shall be
4 printed on a form commensurate with the form of other summonses
5 or citations used in modern methods of arrest, so designed to
6 include all necessary information to make the same valid within
7 the laws and regulations of the State."

8 SECTION 3. Section 291C-167, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "**§291C-167 Summons or citation on illegally parked**
11 **vehicle.** Whenever any motor vehicle without a driver is found
12 parked or stopped in violation of any of the restrictions
13 contained in the state traffic laws, the officer or designated
14 county employee finding the vehicle shall take its registration
15 number and may take any other information displayed on the
16 vehicle that may identify its registered owner and conspicuously
17 shall affix to the vehicle a citation, as described in
18 section 291C-165, for the registered owner of record to answer
19 as provided in chapter 291D."



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

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

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



Report Title:

Traffic Code; Illegally Parked Vehicles; Citations; Counties

Description:

Amends the statewide traffic code to allow for the county chiefs of police to designate county employees to issue citations for traffic violations. (SD1)

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