
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ABANDONED VEHICLES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the number of
2 abandoned and derelict vehicles on public streets throughout the
3 State remains a major issue. Abandoned vehicles present a
4 widespread environmental hazard and are a public eyesore that
5 create unsafe and unhealthy conditions for Hawaii's residents.
6 Abandoned vehicles further adversely impact the availability of
7 legal parking in many areas of the State.

8 The legislature further finds that this public nuisance
9 stems from the ease of abandoning vehicles, leading to
10 individuals having multiple abandoned vehicles registered under
11 their name. The counties are inundated with complaints about
12 abandoned and derelict vehicles and are often burdened with
13 fronting the cost of towing and disposing these vehicles, with
14 no means to recoup the costs. The legislature finds that more
15 needs to be done to deter and curtail individuals from
16 abandoning their vehicles by expanding penalties for those who
17 have multiple abandoned vehicles.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to make a person
2 who is the registered owner of a vehicle that was deemed
3 abandoned or derelict subject to a tiered fine system.

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 290, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by adding a new section to part III to be appropriately
6 designated and to read as follows:

7 "§290- Abandoned vehicles; repeat offender; penalty. A
8 person who is the registered owner of a vehicle that was deemed
9 abandoned or derelict pursuant to this chapter shall be subject
10 to a fine for each vehicle as follows:

11 (1) For the first violation, a fine of no more than
12 \$ _____ ;

13 (2) For a second violation within _____ years of a
14 previous violation, a fine of no more than
15 \$ _____ ; and

16 (3) For a third or subsequent violation within _____ years
17 of the last violation, a fine of no more than
18 \$ _____ ."

19 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
20 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
21 begun before its effective date.



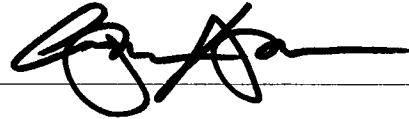
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1 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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