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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the current language  
2 of section 291C-194, Hawaii Revised Statutes, "[d]river's  
3 license required," has created confusion for law enforcement  
4 regarding its applicability. This section relates specifically  
5 to moped operation and the requirement to possess and present a  
6 valid driver's license upon request by a police officer.  
7 Section 291C-194, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is necessary to  
8 define the immediate license possession requirement specifically  
9 for moped operation and align with the same requirement for  
10 operators of all other motor vehicles covered under section  
11 286-116, Hawaii Revised Statutes, "[l]icense, insurance  
12 identification card, possession, exhibition".  
13           The legislature recognizes, however, that as currently  
14 written section 291C-194, Hawaii Revised Statutes, could also be  
15 interpreted to conflict with section 286-102, Hawaii Revised  
16 Statutes, "[l]icensing", which requires a driver of a moped to  
17 be properly licensed to operate a moped.



1           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to amend section  
2 291C-194, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to clarify that this law  
3 relates specifically to the requirement for an operator of a  
4 moped to have in their immediate physical possession their  
5 current driver's license or motorcycle permit and to present it  
6 to a police officer upon demand.

7           SECTION 2. Section 291C-194, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8 amended by amending the title and subsection (a) to read as  
9 follows:

10           "~~§291C-194 Driver's license possession; required.~~ (a) No  
11 person shall drive a moped unless the person[+  
12           ~~(1) Possesses a valid driver's license of any category~~  
13           ~~listed in section 286-102 or 286-239; and~~  
14           ~~(2) Meets the requirements of section 286-105(3).]~~  
15 is in immediate possession of a valid driver's license or  
16 instruction permit at all times."

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

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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



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



**Report Title:**

Honolulu Police Department Package; Traffic Code; Moped;  
Driver's License

**Description:**

Requires the driver of a moped to be in immediate possession of  
a valid driver's license or instruction permit at all times.  
(SD1)

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