
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR SCOOTERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 437, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§437- Motor scooter; noise emission prohibition. No
5 dealer shall sell a motor scooter, as defined in section 286-2,
6 with a muffler or exhaust system that emits a noise level of
7 decibels or more."

8 SECTION 2. Section 291-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by amending its title and subsection (a) to read as
10 follows:

11 "§291-24 Motorcycles, motor scooters, and mopeds, noisy
12 mufflers; penalty. (a) Every motorcycle, motor scooter, and
13 moped moving under its own power on a public highway shall at
14 all times be equipped with a muffler in constant operation to
15 prevent any excessive or unusual noise, and no such muffler or
16 exhaust system shall be equipped with a cutout, bypass, or
17 similar device. No person shall modify the exhaust system of a
18 motorcycle, motor scooter, or a moped in a manner [~~which~~] that



1 will amplify or increase the noise emitted by the motor of
 2 [~~such~~] the motorcycle, motor scooter, or moped above that
 3 emitted by the muffler originally installed on the motorcycle,
 4 motor scooter, or moped [~~except~~]; provided that a motorcycle,
 5 motor scooter, or moped that:

- 6 (1) Has three wheels;
- 7 (2) Is powered by an electric motor;
- 8 (3) Has a full body enclosed cab; and
- 9 (4) Has a seat belt assembly or a child restraint system
- 10 for the driver and passenger;

11 shall not be required to be equipped with a muffler."

12 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

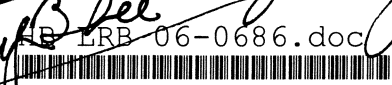
14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
15 provided that section 1 of this Act shall take effect on January
16 1, 2007.

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HB 2234

Report Title:

Motor Scooter; Noise Emission; Muffler; Motor Vehicle Dealer

Description:

Prohibits dealers from selling new motor scooters with noise emissions exceeding a specified number of decibels. Adds motor scooters to noisy muffler law currently applicable to motorcycles and mopeds.

