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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 recognizes the growing problem
2 of abandoned vehicles which are hazardous to Hawaii's roads and
3 environment. While every vehicle that is imported should be
4 disposed of properly, too often they are abandoned instead.

5 The legislature further finds that an incentive is needed
6 to encourage proper disposal of vehicles and to discourage
7 abandonment. A \$100 abandoned vehicle certificate of deposit
8 that will be redeemable when the car is taken to a county
9 designated salvage yard will serve as an incentive for owners to
10 properly dispose of their vehicles. The \$100 deposit will be
11 paid only once during the life of the vehicle, at the time the
12 first owner obtains the certificate of ownership. The abandoned
13 vehicle certificate of deposit will attach to the certificate of
14 ownership and be transferred to each new legal owner.

15 The purpose of this Act is to encourage vehicle owners to
16 properly dispose of their vehicles at county-designated salvage
17 sites by establishing a redeemable abandoned vehicle certificate
18 of deposit program.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 290, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§290- Abandoned vehicle certificate of deposit; new
5 vehicles. (a) Upon registration of a vehicle and issuance of a
6 certificate of ownership under section 286-47 and 286-52, the
7 director of finance shall issue an abandoned vehicle certificate
8 of deposit to the legal owner of a motor vehicle.

9 (b) A deposit in the amount of \$100 shall be paid by the
10 legal owner to the director of finance in return for the
11 redeemable abandoned vehicle certificate of deposit.

12 (c) To redeem the full amount of the abandoned vehicle
13 certificate of deposit, the legal owner of the vehicle shall
14 bring the derelict or unused vehicle and the certificate of
15 deposit, which shall be attached to the certificate of
16 ownership, to a salvage yard designated by the county.

17 (d) There shall be established a revolving account within
18 the general fund of the county in which the director of finance
19 shall deposit the moneys received from the abandoned vehicle
20 certificates of deposit.

1 (e) The director of finance shall adopt rules in
2 accordance with chapter 91 to effectuate the purpose of this
3 section."

4 SECTION 3. Chapter 290, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
6 and to read as follows:

7 "§290- Abandoned vehicle certificate of deposit;
8 existing vehicles. The owner of a vehicle for which no
9 abandoned vehicle certificate of deposit has been issued shall
10 obtain a certificate at the time of the vehicle's first annual
11 registration after rules have been adopted pursuant to section
12 290- ."

13 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Abandoned Vehicles; Certificate of Ownership; Deposit

Description:

Establishes an incentive for vehicle owners to properly dispose of their vehicles at county designated salvage sites by establishing a redeemable abandoned vehicle certificate of deposit program.

