A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

1	SECTION 1. The legislature finds that residents in Hawaii			
2	must be encouraged to conserve nonrenewable energy resources and			
3	use more renewable energy resources. Among the many arenas			
4	within which to achieve this purpose is the use of motor vehicle			
5	fuel by Hawaii's drivers.			
6	The purpose of this Act is to require that only energy-			
7	conserving motor vehicles may be sold or leased in Hawaii after			
8	December 31, 2009. In addition, motor vehicles for rental			
9	fleets should also be subject to the same restriction so that			
10	rental motor vehicles purchased or replaced after December 31,			
11	2009, must also be energy-conserving.			
12	SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by			
13	adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read			
14	as follows:			
15	"CHAPTER			
16	FLEXIBLE FUEL AND ALTERNATIVE			
17	ENERGY LIGHT-DUTY MOTOR VEHICLES			

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1	"Alt	ernative energy light-duty motor vehicle" means a motor		
2	vehicle that is:			
3	(1)	Capable of using an alternative fuel as defined in		
4		section 243-1;		
5	(2)	Powered primarily through the use of an electric		
6		battery or battery pack that stores energy produced by		
7		an electric motor through regenerative braking to		
8		assist in vehicle operation;		
9	(3)	Propelled by power derived from one or more cells		
10		converting chemical energy directly into electricity		
11		by combining oxygen with hydrogen fuel that is stored		
12		on board the vehicle in any form; or		
13	(4)	Propelled by energy from onboard sources of stored		
14		energy generated from an internal combustion or heat		
15		engine using combustible fuel and a rechargeable		
16		energy storage system.		
17	"Eth	anol 85" means a petroleum-derived fuel and alcohol		
18	liquid fu	el mixture consisting of at least eighty-five per cent		
19	ethanol by volume.			
20	"Flexible fuel light-duty motor vehicle" means a light-dut			
21	motor vehicle that is capable of operation using gasoline and			
22	ethanol 85.			

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- 1 "Light-duty motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle, as 2 defined in section 249-1, designed for carrying twelve or fewer 3 passengers. -2 Sale or lease of flexible fuel or alternative 4 energy light-duty motor vehicles. (a) Except as provided in 5 subsection (b), after December 31, 2009, no person shall sell, 6 7 lease, or attempt to sell or lease, a light-duty motor vehicle to another person within this State unless the light-duty motor 8 vehicle is a flexible fuel light-duty motor vehicle or an 9 alternative energy light-duty motor vehicle. 10 This section shall not prohibit the sale, lease, or 11 (b) 12 attempted sale or lease of a light-duty motor vehicle that is not a flexible fuel or alternative energy light-duty motor 13 vehicle that was physically present within the State on or 14 before December 31, 2009. 15 16 -3 Penalty. Any person who violates section -2
- 18 addition, any of the following shall be subject to forfeiture

shall be fined not less than \$1,000 for each violation. In

under Chapter 712A:

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- 20 (1) Proceeds from a sale or lease of a light-duty motor
- vehicle; and



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- 1 Light-duty motor vehicle sold, leased, or attempted to (2)2 be sold or leased 3 in violation of this chapter. 4 -4 Monitoring and enforcement; rules. (a) The department of business, economic development, and tourism shall 5 monitor and enforce compliance with this chapter. The 6 7 department shall report any alleged or suspected violation that cannot be resolved by voluntary action of the alleged violator 8 9 to the department of the attorney general for prosecution. 10 The director of business, economic development, and 11 tourism shall adopt rules in accordance with chapter 91 to carry 12 out the effect of this chapter." SECTION 3. Chapter 437D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 13 14 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated 15 and to read as follows: 16 "§437D- Addition or replacement of rental motor 17 vehicle; flexible fuel or alternative energy vehicles. (a) For 18 the purposes of this section, unless the context clearly 19 requires otherwise: 20 "Alternative energy motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle
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that is:

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1	(1)	Capable of using an alternative fuel as defined in	
2		section 243-1;	
3	(2)	Powered primarily through the use of an electric	
4		battery or battery pack that stores energy produced by	
5		an electric motor through regenerative braking to	
6		assist in vehicle operation;	
7	(3)	Propelled by power derived from one or more cells	
8		converting chemical energy directly into electricity	
9		by combining oxygen with hydrogen fuel that is stored	
10		on board the vehicle in any form; or	
11	(4)	Propelled by energy from onboard sources of stored	
12		energy generated from an internal combustion or heat	
13		engine using combustible fuel and a rechargeable	
14		energy storage system.	
15	"Ethanol 85" means a petroleum-derived fuel and alcohol		
16	liquid fuel mixture consisting of at least eighty-five per cent		
17	ethanol by volume.		
18	"Flexible fuel motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is		
19	capable o	f operation using gasoline and ethanol 85.	
20	(b)	After December 31, 2009, it shall be a violation of	
21	this section for a lessor to add or replace a motor vehicle to		
22	the lesso	r's rental motor vehicle fleet unless the added or	
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replacement motor vehicle is a flexible fuel motor vehicle or
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    alternative energy motor vehicle; provided that this section
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    shall not prohibit a lessor from continuing to use in the
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    lessor's rental motor vehicle fleet any motor vehicle that is
    not a flexible fuel motor vehicle or an alternative energy motor
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    vehicle if that motor vehicle was part of the lessor's fleet and
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    physically within the State on or before December 31, 2009.
         (c) Any person who violates this section shall be fined
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    not less than $1,000 for each violation. Any motor vehicle that
    is added to a rental fleet as an additional or replacement motor
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    vehicle in violation of this section shall be subject to
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    forfeiture under chapter 712A."
         SECTION 4. Section 437D-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
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    amended to read as follows:
         "$437D-19 Civil penalties. Any person who violates or
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    attempts to violate any provision of this chapter, other than
    section 437D- , shall be deemed to have engaged in an unfair
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    and deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or
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    commerce within the meaning of section 480-2."
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         SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.
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SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Energy-Conserving Motor Vehicles; New Sales

Description:

After 12/31/2009, prohibits: (1) sale or lease of motor vehicles that do not use flexible fuel or alternative energy fuel; and (2) purchase or replacement of rental motor vehicles that do not use flexible fuel or alternative energy fuel. Imposes penalties. Requires department of business, economic development, and tourism to monitor sales and leases of cars.

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