A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC RECORDS AND ABSTRACTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 286-137, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended to read as follows: 3 "§286-137 District courts to keep records. (a) 4 district court of each circuit, subject to section 602-5.5, 5 shall keep, maintain, [and] control, or [shall] otherwise 6 provide for the keeping, maintaining, and controlling of [proper 7 and accurate] the records of each [conviction or bail forfeiture or any other disposition of each violation of] traffic case 8 9 involving a licensee [coming within] subject to this part. 10 (b) The district court of each circuit, subject to section 11 602-5.5, shall [also] establish procedures for the accounting, 12 control, and disposition of each traffic citation, notice[, or] 13 of traffic infraction, complaint and summons, or other traffic 14 offense charging form used or issued, whether the use or 15 issuance of the same is authorized by the court or by any other 16 governmental agency under applicable laws or ordinances [, which 17 may include the keeping of an accurate citation, notice, or 18 summons control ledger or form in a numerical, chronological, or



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1	other acc	ountable manner.], and filed with the court. The
2	accountin	g, control, and disposition may be in any manner
3	approved	by the administrative director, including but not
4	limited t	o electronic reports from data in computerized case
5	managemen	t systems.
6	(C)	The district court of each circuit, subject to section
7	602-5.5,	shall keep a record of each official action for each
8	filed tra	ffic citation, notice of traffic infraction, complaint
9	and summo	ns, or other traffic offense charging form. The record
10	shall inc	lude, but not be limited to:
11	(1)	The traffic citation, notice of traffic infraction,
12		complaint and summons, or other traffic offense
13		<pre>charging form;</pre>
14	(2)	Information concerning a licensee's failure to appear
15		for a scheduled court hearing, including a licensee's
16		forfeiture of deposit or bail;
17	(3)	The judgment or order of dismissal entered upon each
18		traffic citation, notice of infraction, complaint and
19		summons, or other traffic offense charging form; and
20	(4)	Information concerning the status of a licensee's
21		compliance with all terms and conditions of the
22		judgment.

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         (d) The district court of each circuit, subject to section
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    602-5.5, shall verify the accuracy of information concerning a
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    licensee and the licensee's identity contained in the records of
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    each traffic case involving a licensee subject to this part."
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         SECTION 2. Section 287-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
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    amended to read as follows:
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         "§287-3 Furnishing [of operating] abstracts of court
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    records[-] of traffic cases. (a) The traffic violations
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    bureaus of the district courts, upon request [\tau] and payment of
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    the required fee and subject to section 602-5.5, shall furnish
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    to any person a certified abstract of the bureaus' complete
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    record, if any, of [any] that person relating to all [alleged
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    moving violations and any convictions resulting therefrom,
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    cases arising from the operation of a motor vehicle in which the
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    person was convicted of a violation of a statute, ordinance, or
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    rule relating to traffic movement and control. The abstract,
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    subject to section 602-5.5, shall include information from court
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    records maintained for that person pursuant to section 286-137
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    and all dispositions of any administrative driver's license
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    revocation proceeding brought against the person pursuant to
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    chapter 291E, part III, and chapter 286, part XIV, as [it was]
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    the laws were in effect on or before December 31, 2001.
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1	(b)	The traffic violations bureaus of the district courts,
2	upon reque	est and payment of the required fee and subject to the
3	restriction	ons set forth in this subsection and section 602-5.5,
4	shall fur	nish to any person a certified abstract of the bureau's
5	record, i	f any, of any named person, listing all cases arising
6	from the	operation of a motor vehicle in which the named person
7	was convi	cted of violating any statute, ordinance, or rule
8	regulating	g the operation of a motor vehicle, or in which an
9	administra	ative driver's license revocation proceeding was
10	initiated	against the named person pursuant to chapter 291E,
11	part III,	or chapter 286, part XIV, as the law was in effect on
12	or before	December 31, 2001. The abstract shall report:
13	(1)	Each judgment convicting the named person of a
14		criminal traffic offense relating to the operation of
15		a motor vehicle that was entered during the current
16		calendar year and the three preceding calendar years,
17		except that convictions for drug- or alcohol-related
18		criminal traffic offenses shall be reported for the
19		current calendar year and the ten preceding calendar
20		years, and judgments permanently revoking a driver's
21		license shall be reported without regard to date of
22		entry;

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1	(2)	Each judgment determining that the named person
2		committed a civil traffic infraction relating to the
3		operation of a motor vehicle that was entered during
4		the current calendar year and the three preceding
5		calendar years;
6	(3)	Each decision by the administrative director or the
7		administrative director's designee to suspend or
8		revoke the named person's driver's license that was
9		entered during the current calendar year and the ten
10		preceding calendar years;
11	(4)	Each alleged violation of a civil or criminal offense
12		related to the operation of a motor vehicle that has
13		not been resolved, including alleged violations that
14		have not been resolved because the named person failed
15		to appear in court;
16	(5)	Each civil and criminal judgment entered in a traffic
17		case that the named person has failed to fully
18		satisfy; and
19	(6)	Each order forfeiting bail posted in a criminal case
20		that was entered during the current calendar year and
21		the three preceding calendar years.

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1	(c) If a district court of a circuit determines under
2	section 286-137(d) that the accuracy of information concerning a
3	licensee and the licensee's identity contained in the records of
4	each traffic case involving a licensee is incorrect or
5	questionable, the traffic violations bureau of the district
6	court shall remove the traffic infraction from the licensee's
7	abstract.
8	$\underline{(d)}$ The traffic violations bureaus may collect a fee[$ au$]
9	for any abstract requested, not to exceed \$7, of which \$5 shall
10	be deposited into the general fund and \$2 shall be deposited
11	into the judiciary computer system special fund.
12	[(b)] <u>(e)</u> Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary,
13	[all alleged moving violations as well as any convictions
14	resulting therefrom or any administrative license suspension]
15	records of traffic cases and administrative driver's license
16	proceedings initiated pursuant to chapter 291A shall not be
17	included in a certified abstract of [the] a bureau's record."
18	SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
20	SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

District Court Record keeping; Traffic Abstracts

Description:

Clarifies the district court's record keeping and abstract-furnishing responsibilities for traffic cases.