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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

**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-** **Exemptions.** The purchase by the State or any of  
5 its political subdivisions of a motor vehicle that is not a  
6 standard two-door or four-door motor vehicle that is eight  
7 thousand five hundred pounds or less of gross vehicle weight  
8 rating, as determined by the United States Department of  
9 Transportation, shall be exempt from this chapter."

10           SECTION 2. Section 437-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12           "**§437-1 Legislative findings and declaration.** The  
13 legislature finds that:

14           (1) The manufacture, distribution, and sales of motor  
15 vehicles in the [~~State~~] state vitally affects the  
16 general economy of the [~~State~~] state and the public  
17 interest and public welfare;



1           (2) Manufacturers of motor vehicles whose physical  
 2           manufacturing facilities are not located within the  
 3           [~~State~~,] state, and motor vehicle distributors, are  
 4           doing business in the [~~State~~] state through their  
 5           control over, and relationships and transactions with  
 6           their dealers, branches, and representatives; and

7           (3) The geographical location of Hawaii makes it necessary  
 8           to ensure the availability of motor vehicles and parts  
 9           and dependable service therefor within the [~~State~~]  
 10          state to protect and preserve the transportation  
 11          system and the investments of its residents[~~-~~];  
 12          however, considering the resources of the state and  
 13          county governments, the legislature further finds that  
 14          government agencies can adequately protect themselves  
 15          in transactions involving the purchase of motor  
 16          vehicles.

17          The legislature declares, on the basis of the foregoing  
 18          findings, that it is necessary to regulate and to license motor  
 19          vehicle manufacturers, distributors, dealers, salespersons, and  
 20          auctions in the [~~State~~,] state; to prevent frauds, impositions,  
 21          and other abuses against its residents[~~-~~]; and to protect and  
 22          preserve the economy and the transportation system of the



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1 ~~[State.]~~ state; provided that the purchase of motor vehicles by  
 2 the state and county governments shall not be limited to  
 3 licensees under this chapter."

4 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
 5 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
 6 begun, before its effective date.

7 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

Motor Vehicle Purchases by Government; Exemptions

**Description:**

Exempts from the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Act the purchase by state and county governments of motor vehicles that are not 8,500 pounds or less of gross vehicle weight rating.

