

JAN 18 2007

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that an unfair burden is
2 placed on operators of passenger vehicles for hire, by the
3 requirement that all automobile passengers make use of seat
4 belts. This places the driver of such a vehicle in the position
5 of having to enforce this law with respect to customers. The
6 legislature finds that it would be beneficial to alleviate this
7 burden by exempting passengers of passenger vehicles for hire
8 from mandatory seat belt use.

9 SECTION 2. Section 291-11.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

11 "(b) The passengers of the following motor vehicles shall
12 be exempt from the requirements of this section: emergency,
13 commercial, and mass transit vehicles. Further exemptions from
14 this section may be established by rules adopted by the
15 department of transportation pursuant to chapter 91.

16 As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
17 requires:



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1 "Emergency vehicle" means an ambulance, a firefighting or
2 rescue vehicle, or a police vehicle while on duty.

3 "Commercial vehicle" means any motor vehicle that is being
4 used for the transportation of persons for hire, compensation,
5 or profit.

6 "Mass transit vehicle" means a bus, including a school bus
7 (but excluding a charter or sightseeing service bus) with a
8 gross vehicle weight rating that is over 10,000 pounds, whether
9 publicly or privately owned, which provides service to the
10 general public or provides special service on a regular or
11 continuing basis."

12 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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Report Title:

Mandatory use of seat belts; exemption for taxicabs

Description:

Provides exemption for passengers in taxicabs from mandatory seat belt requirement.

