
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NOISE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 291-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **"§291-24 Motorcycles and mopeds, noisy mufflers; penalty.**

4 (a) Every motorcycle and moped moving under its own power on a
5 public highway shall [~~at all times~~] be equipped with a muffler
6 in constant operation to prevent any excessive or unusual noise
7 [~~and no such~~]; except a motorcycle or moped that:

8 (1) Has three wheels;

9 (2) Is powered by an electric motor;

10 (3) Has a full body enclosed cab; and

11 (4) Has a seat belt assembly or a child restraint system
12 for the driver and passenger.

13 (b) No muffler or exhaust system under this section shall
14 be equipped with a cutout, bypass, or similar device.

15 (c) No person shall modify the exhaust system of a
16 motorcycle or a moped in a manner [~~which will amplify or~~
17 increase] that amplifies or increases the noise emitted by the



1 motor of [~~such~~] the motorcycle or moped above that emitted by
2 the muffler originally installed on the motorcycle or moped
3 [~~except a motorcycle or moped that:~~

- 4 ~~(1) Has three wheels;~~
5 ~~(2) Is powered by an electric motor;~~
6 ~~(3) Has a full body enclosed cab; and~~
7 ~~(4) Has a seat belt assembly or a child restraint system~~
8 ~~for the driver and passenger;~~

9 ~~shall not be required to be equipped with a muffler].~~

10 ~~(b)~~ (d) As used in this section, "muffler" means a
11 device consisting of a series of chambers or baffle plates, or
12 other mechanical design, for the purpose of receiving exhaust
13 gas from the engine of the motorcycle or moped, and being
14 effective in reducing noise.

15 ~~(e)~~ (e) Whoever violates the provisions of this section
16 applicable to motorcycles shall be fined not more than \$100.

17 (f) Whoever violates the provisions of this section
18 applicable to mopeds shall be fined:

- 19 (1) \$50 for the first violation;
20 (2) \$75 for the second violation; and
21 (3) \$250 for a third or subsequent violation."



1 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
3 begun, before its effective date.

4 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Traffic Violation; Exhaust Systems; Mopeds

Description:

Increases the fine for modification to exhaust pipes or mufflers that increase the noise emitted by a moped. Effective 7/1/2050.
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