
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ABANDONED VEHICLES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 290-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
3 "(a) The counties may cause vehicles that have been
4 abandoned to be taken into custody and disposed of. For the
5 purposes of this subsection, a vehicle is "abandoned" if it is
6 defined to be abandoned by an ordinance of the county in which
7 the vehicle is located. In the absence of such an ordinance, a
8 vehicle is "abandoned" if it is left unattended for a continuous
9 period of more than twenty-four hours and it is unlawfully
10 parked on [any]:

- 11 (1) Any public highway or other public property; or
12 (2) Any private road or private lands defined as a
13 setback, shoulder, easement, or right of way that is
14 adjacent to or part of a private or public highway.

15 The mayors of the several counties may designate an agency
16 within their counties to carry out the functions and
17 requirements of this section. The term "agency" means any
18 office, department, or other governmental unit of the county.



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1 As used in this subsection, a vehicle on a private road shall be
2 considered "unlawfully parked" if it is not operable."

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

6 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Abandoned Vehicles; Private Roads; Counties

Description:

Allows counties to remove abandoned motor vehicles from private roads.

