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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, despite the  
2 requirements imposed by section 291C-65, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
3 many drivers do not yield right of way to authorized emergency  
4 vehicles making use of audible and visual signals, by moving to  
5 the nearest curb.

6           The purpose of this Act is to improve compliance with  
7 section 291C-65 by (1) requiring that emergency medical services  
8 vehicles be equipped with cameras to record civilian vehicles  
9 that do not yield right of way when the emergency vehicle's  
10 audible and visual signals are on, and (2) imposing penalties  
11 for failure to yield right of way.

12           SECTION 2. The department of health shall adopt rules  
13 under chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requiring that all  
14 emergency vehicles of the emergency medical services system be  
15 equipped with cameras capable of recording the area of highway  
16 in front of the emergency vehicle.

17           SECTION 3. Section 291C-65, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
18 amended to read as follows:



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1 " ~~[+]~~ §291C-65 ~~[+]~~ Operation of vehicles on approach of  
2 authorized emergency vehicles. (a) Except as otherwise  
3 provided by county ordinance, upon the immediate approach of an  
4 authorized emergency vehicle making use of audible and visual  
5 signals, the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the  
6 right-of-way and shall immediately drive to a position clear of  
7 any intersection and parallel to, and as close as possible to,  
8 the right hand edge or curb of the highway or the nearest edge  
9 or curb when the highway has multiple lanes or when the highway  
10 is a divided highway or one-way street and shall stop and remain  
11 in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle is  
12 passed, except as otherwise directed by a police officer.

13 (b) Every person who violates this section shall be  
14 subject to the following penalties:

15 (1) For a first infraction, or any infraction not preceded  
16 within one year by a prior violation of this section,  
17 a fine of \$250; and

18 (2) For an infraction that occurs within one year of a  
19 prior violation of this section, a fine of \$500.

20 ~~[+]~~ (c) This section shall not operate to relieve the  
21 driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive



1 with due regard for the safety of all persons using the  
2 highway."

3 SECTION 4. Section 291C-161, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

5 "(c) Every person convicted under or found in violation of  
6 section 291C-12, 291C-12.5, 291C-12.6, 291C-13, 291C-14, 291C-  
7 15, 291C-16, 291C-65, 291C-72, 291C-73, 291C-95, 291C-102, 291C-  
8 103, 291C-104, or 291C-105 shall be sentenced or fined in  
9 accordance with those sections."

10 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 6. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
13 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
14 begun, before its effective date.

15 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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**Report Title:**

Emergency Medical Services; Authorized Emergency Vehicles

**Description:**

Requires that emergency medical services vehicles be equipped with cameras to record civilian vehicles that do not yield right of way when the emergency vehicle's audible and visual signals are on. Imposes penalties for failure to yield right of way.

