
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE ALARM SYSTEMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 291-24.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "~~§291-24.6 Motor vehicle alarm systems[-]; violation.~~ (a)
4 "Motor vehicle alarm system" means any device, whether or not it
5 emits an audible sound, that is designed or used for the
6 detection of an unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle, or for
7 alerting others to the commission of an unlawful act, or both[~~-~~
8 ~~and that emits a sound when activated]~~.

9 (b) If a motor vehicle alarm system installed in a motor
10 vehicle is activated and emits a sound [~~for more than five~~
11 ~~continuous minutes,~~] for any period of time, the registered
12 owner of the motor vehicle shall be fined not more than \$100;
13 provided that after the third violation within a five-year
14 period, the fine shall be:

- 15 (1) \$250 for the fourth violation;
16 (2) \$375 for the fifth violation; and
17 (3) \$500 for a sixth or subsequent violation.



1 This subsection shall not apply to authorized emergency
2 vehicles.

3 (c) Effective January 1, 2010:

4 (1) A motor vehicle alarm system may be installed in a
5 motor vehicle in the State only if the alarm system
6 does not emit an audible sound; and

7 (2) All motor vehicle alarm systems that emit an audible
8 sound shall have been removed or disabled.

9 (d) The requirement that a motor vehicle alarm system must
10 be inaudible shall not apply to authorized emergency vehicles as
11 defined in section 291C-1.

12 [~~e~~] (e) An offense under this section shall be a
13 violation for which a police officer shall issue a summons or
14 citation to the registered owner of the vehicle."

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

18 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Motor Vehicle Alarm Systems; Prohibition

Description:

Prohibits audible motor vehicle alarm systems, effective 01/01/2010. Provides exception for authorized emergency vehicles.

