



GOV. MSG. NO. 562

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

May 13, 2010

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on May 13, 2010, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1190 HD1 SD2 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT
RELATING TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION.
ACT 104 (10)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

Approved by the Governor

on MAY 13 2010

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2009
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 104

H.B. NO. 1190
H.D. 1
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that traffic accident
2 management is of utmost public importance, especially when a
3 fatality occurs. Although the evidence collected at traffic
4 accident scenes may be crucial to determining the cause of the
5 accident, these accident investigations proceed at a slower rate
6 in Hawaii than in comparable metropolitan areas in the United
7 States. The average length of time for lane closures in Hawaii
8 ranges from two to four hours for major traffic accidents to
9 over eight hours when a fatality occurs.

10 The legislature also finds that these prolonged closures of
11 traffic lanes adversely affect the public and our economy
12 because students cannot reach school and school activities or
13 return home afterwards; employees cannot reach their place of
14 work or attend meetings at remote locations; and businesses
15 cannot receive or deliver products necessary to conduct
16 business.

17 The purpose of this Act is to expedite the investigation of
18 major, especially fatal, traffic accidents.

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1 SECTION 2. (a) The police department of each county
2 shall:

3 (1) Identify the roadways, or class of roadways, that are
4 most critical to the free movement of persons and
5 commerce; and

6 (2) Establish protocols necessary to coordinate major
7 traffic accident investigations by law enforcement and
8 other authorities having jurisdiction over the
9 location of a major traffic accident, including
10 immediately notifying the medical examiner in the case
11 of fatal traffic accidents so that the medical
12 examiner or coroner can conduct the appropriate
13 accident scene investigation simultaneously with law
14 enforcement, to the extent practical.

15 (b) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to restrict a
16 police department's authority to enforce any of the powers
17 otherwise granted to it by law.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 13 day of MAY, 2010



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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