
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VEHICLES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the rate of
2 automobile thefts continues to rise in Hawaii and that airbags
3 are an important component of motor vehicle safety.

4 The purpose of this Act is to:

5 (1) Reduce the number of automobile thefts by prohibiting
6 the purchase of salvaged vehicles by non-licensed
7 individuals, thereby reducing the market for stolen
8 parts; and

9 (2) Improve highway safety by requiring airbags as a
10 resale component that requires approval by the
11 director of transportation.

12 SECTION 2. Section 286-48, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

14 "(c) Upon resale of the salvage vehicle, the seller or, if
15 the seller is an insurance company, its authorized agent shall
16 transfer the salvage certificate and issue a bill of sale to the
17 purchaser which shall be on a form prescribed by the director of
18 finance. The seller shall notify the purchaser, in writing, of



1 the requirements of this chapter regarding the recertification
2 of salvage vehicles. The seller shall sell the salvage vehicle
3 only to a person licensed pursuant to chapter 437B[~~sections~~]
4 or section 289-4[7] or 445-232[~~or any person who executes an~~
5 ~~affidavit which states whether or not the salvage vehicle would~~
6 ~~be used to construct a rebuilt vehicle as defined in section~~
7 ~~286-2 and that if the salvage vehicle is to be rebuilt, the~~
8 ~~purchaser will register the rebuilt vehicle as required by this~~
9 ~~chapter]."~~

10 SECTION 3. Section 286-83, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

12 "(a) [~~On and after January 1, 1972, no~~] No person shall
13 display for sale, sell, or offer for sale for use in or upon, or
14 as part of the equipment of a motor vehicle, trailer,
15 semitrailer, or pole trailer any head lamp, auxiliary or fog
16 lamp, rear lamp, signal lamps, or reflector, which reflector is
17 required by law, or any glazing material, hydraulic brake fluid,
18 or seat belt assembly as defined in section 291-11.6, shoulder
19 harness, seat belt and shoulder harness assembly, or airbag,
20 unless the device is of a type that has been submitted to the
21 director of transportation and approved by the director. This
22 subsection shall not apply to equipment in actual use on May 25,



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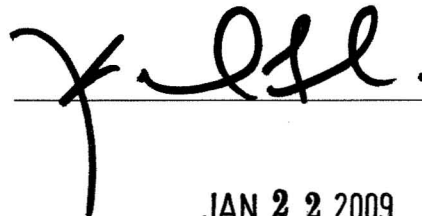
1 1971, or replacement parts therefor, except seat belt assemblies
2 required under section 286-26.5(d)."

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

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Salvaged Vehicles; Non-Licensed Persons; Airbags

Description:

Limits the purchase and rebuilding of salvaged vehicles to licensed individuals. Includes airbags as a resale component that requires department of transportation approval.

