
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SIDEWALKS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
3 and to read as follows:

4 "Downtown Honolulu business district" means the area
5 bounded by the Nuuanu stream, Punchbowl street, Vineyard
6 boulevard, and the shoreline."

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
9 and to read as follows:

10 "§291C- Other activities prohibited on sidewalks.
11 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the use of
12 skateboards, rollerskates, and other similar devices shall be
13 prohibited on sidewalks in the downtown Honolulu business
14 district."

15 SECTION 3. Section 291C-134.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 "[~~§~~291C-134.5[~~]~~] **Electric personal assistive mobility**
18 **devices; restrictions.** (a) [~~An~~] Except as provided in



1 subsection (g), an electric personal assistive mobility device
2 may be operated on the sidewalks, at a speed no greater than
3 eight miles per hour, and bicycle paths of the State. The sale
4 of consumer models of electric personal assistive mobility
5 devices in the State shall be limited to those models operated
6 by a key that can set the maximum forward speed at no more than
7 eight miles per hour.

8 (b) An electric personal assistive mobility device
9 operator shall be sixteen years of age or older.

10 (c) An electric personal assistive mobility device
11 operator on a sidewalk or bicycle path shall exercise due care
12 to avoid colliding with, and shall yield the right-of-way to,
13 persons traveling on foot and those using mobility aids.

14 (d) An electric personal assistive mobility device
15 operator shall give an audible signal before overtaking and
16 passing any pedestrian.

17 (e) An electric personal assistive mobility device
18 operator shall wear or equip the electric personal assistive
19 mobility device with reflectors and a headlamp when operating
20 between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before
21 sunrise.



1 (f) Any operator who operates an electric personal
2 assistive mobility device recklessly in disregard for the safety
3 of persons or property shall be assessed penalties as set forth
4 in section 291C-161.

5 (g) No electric personal assistive mobility device shall
6 be operated on sidewalks in a business district in any county,
7 including the downtown Honolulu business district, except by law
8 enforcement officers in carrying out their official duties."

9 SECTION 4. Section 291C-148, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

11 "(b) Unless otherwise prohibited, a bicycle may be driven
12 at a speed of ten miles per hour or less on a sidewalk or
13 sidewalk area; provided that [~~the~~]:

14 (1) The driver of the bicycle shall yield the right of way
15 to any pedestrian; and [~~that bicycle~~]

16 (2) Bicycle riding shall be prohibited on sidewalks in
17 business districts~~[-]~~, including the downtown Honolulu
18 business district."

19 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Bicycles; Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices;
Skateboards; Roller Skates; Business Districts

Description:

Defines the downtown Honolulu business district. Prohibits use of bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, skateboards, roller skates, and other similar toys on sidewalks in the downtown Honolulu business district.

