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S.B. NO. 746

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 (c) This section shall not apply to authorized emergency
2 vehicles under section 291C-1.

3 (d) Beginning on January 1, 2012, no motor vehicle alarm
4 system or feature of an alarm system that emits an audible sound
5 may be installed in a motor vehicle in the State. No later than
6 January 1, 2012, all motor vehicle alarm systems or features of
7 alarm systems that emit an audible sound that have been
8 installed prior to that date shall be uninstalled or disabled.

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

12 SECTION 2. 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 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: Card Fukumaga



Report Title:

Audible Motor Vehicle Alarm Systems; Prohibition

Description:

Prohibits installation of audible motor vehicle alarm systems beginning 1/1/2012. Requires audible motor vehicle alarm systems to be uninstalled or disabled by 1/1/2012. Exempts authorized emergency vehicles.

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