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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE.

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

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

4           "§291C-           Passing emergency vehicle. (a) On approaching  
5 a stationary emergency vehicle that is using visual signals and  
6 rendering assistance to another vehicle or person, a driver who  
7 is passing the emergency vehicle, unless otherwise directed by a  
8 police officer or person of authority, shall:

9           (1) Vacate the lane closest to the emergency vehicle when  
10           driving on a highway with two or more lanes traveling  
11           in the direction of the emergency vehicle; or

12           (2) Slow to a speed not to exceed:

13           (A) Twenty miles per hour less than the posted speed  
14           limit when the posted speed limit is twenty-five  
15           miles per hour or more; or

16           (B) Five miles per hour when the posted speed limit  
17           is less than twenty-five miles per hour.



1        (b) A violation of this section is a misdemeanor  
 2 punishable under section 706-640. If conduct constituting a  
 3 violation of this section also constitutes a violation of  
 4 another provision of law, including the penal code, the driver  
 5 may be prosecuted under either or both laws.

6        (c) For the purposes of this section:

7        "Emergency vehicle" means a police or fire department  
 8 vehicle, ambulance, or any other vehicle rendering assistance to  
 9 another vehicle or person, including a tow truck.

10       "Visual signals" means flashing vehicle emergency lights or  
 11 any other reasonable visual means of warning passing vehicles."

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. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

Emergency Vehicle; Move Over

**Description:**

Requires motorists to "move over" when passing a stationary emergency vehicle on a highway.

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