
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 290, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997,
2 established incentives for registration, licensing, parking, and
3 operation of electric vehicles. Although the provisions
4 relating to vehicle licensing and parking are valid laws of
5 Hawaii, it is difficult to find and reference them, because they
6 are only contained in the session laws, which are not as readily
7 available to the public as are the Hawaii Revised Statutes,
8 which are available online.

9 The purpose of this Act is to enable the public to more
10 readily access the existing laws pertaining to electric vehicles
11 by codifying elements of Act 290, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997,
12 into the Hawaii Revised Statutes and providing amendments for
13 clarity, consistency, and enforceability.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
16 and to read as follows:

17 "§286- Electric vehicles; registration; license
18 plates; parking fee exemptions. (a) The department of



1 transportation may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 for the
2 registration of, and issuance of special license plates for,
3 electric vehicles.

4 (b) An electric vehicle on which an electric vehicle
5 license plate is affixed shall be exempt from payment of parking
6 fees, including those collected through parking meters, charged
7 by any state or county authority in this State, except that this
8 exemption shall not apply:

9 (1) For more than two and one-half hours of metered
10 parking, or the maximum amount of time the meter
11 allows, whichever is longer; or

12 (2) To parking fees assessed in increments longer than one
13 twenty-four-hour day, including weekly, monthly, or
14 annual parking permits.

15 (c) An electric vehicle on which an electric vehicle
16 license plate is affixed shall be exempt from high occupancy
17 vehicle lane restrictions.

18 (d) For the purposes of this section:

19 "Electric vehicle" means:

20 (1) A neighborhood electric vehicle; or

21 (2) A vehicle, with four or more wheels, that draws

22 propulsion energy from a battery with at least four



1 kilowatt hours of energy storage capacity that can be
2 recharged from an external source of electricity."

3 SECTION 3. Act 290, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, is
4 repealed.

5 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

Electric Vehicles

Description:

Codifies certain provisions of Act 290, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, and repeals the rest. Authorizes the Department of Transportation to adopt rules for the registration of, and issuance of license plates for electric vehicles. Exempts electric vehicles from parking fees under certain conditions.
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