



GOV. MSG. NO. 1173

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NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

May 20, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on May 20, 2013, the following bill was signed into law:

SB4 HD2

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES
ACT 073 (13)

Aloha
Sincerely,
Neil Abercrombie

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 291-11.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, no person[+
4 ~~(1) shall~~] shall operate a motor vehicle upon any public
5 highway unless the person is restrained by a seat belt
6 assembly and all passengers in the front or back seat
7 of the motor vehicle are restrained by a seat belt
8 assembly [~~if between the ages of eight and fourteen,~~]
9 or are restrained pursuant to section 291-11.5 if
10 under eight years of age[+]

11 ~~(2) If fifteen years of age or more shall be a passenger~~
12 ~~in the front seat of a motor vehicle being operated~~
13 ~~upon any public highway unless such person is~~
14 ~~restrained by a seat belt assembly; and~~

15 ~~(3) If between the ages of fifteen and seventeen, shall be~~
16 ~~a passenger in the back seat of a motor vehicle being~~
17 ~~operated upon any public highway unless such person is~~
18 ~~restrained by a seat belt assembly].~~



1 As used in this section:

2 "Restrained" means that the seat belt assembly is worn as
3 it was designed and intended to be worn.

4 "Seat belt assembly" means the seat belt assembly that is
5 required to be in the motor vehicle under any federal motor
6 vehicle safety standard issued pursuant to Public Law 89-563,
7 the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, as
8 amended, unless original replacement seat belt assemblies are
9 not readily available. If replacement assemblies are not
10 readily available, seat belts of federally approved materials
11 with similar protective characteristics may be used. Such
12 replacement seat belt assemblies shall be permanently marked by
13 the belt manufacturer indicating compliance with all applicable
14 federal standards."

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

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 20 day of MAY, 2013



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII