
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the number of motor
2 vehicles using wheels with a propensity to cause severe injury
3 and property damage has increased. By design, most of these
4 wheels have parts that extend past their rim (i.e., gorilla
5 pokes, superpoke elbows, giraffe necks, etc.); however, others
6 not designed as such are just as dangerous due to the addition
7 of aftermarket parts, such as lug nuts and wheel covers that
8 bear sharp pointed projections.

9 The legislature further finds that the existing law does
10 not address the inherent dangers associated with the use of this
11 type of motor vehicle wheel.

12 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the use of certain
13 types of motor vehicle wheels that are considered dangerous.

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

17 ""Dangerous wheels" means any wheel, wheel cover, hubcap,
18 lug nut cover or cap, prong, or any ornamentation affixed to any



1 of the aforementioned items that extends past the wheel's rim
2 and that may cause injury or property damage by minimal contact
3 with a person or object."

4 SECTION 3. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by adding a new section to part XII to be appropriately
6 designated and to read as follows:

7 "§291C- Dangerous wheels; prohibited. (a) No person
8 shall operate a vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer equipped with
9 dangerous wheels."

10 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
11 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
12 begun before its effective date.

13 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Traffic Code; Dangerous Wheels; Prohibited

Description:

Defines and prohibits the use of dangerous wheels.

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