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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 286-47, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "**§286-47 Certificate of registration; certificate of**  
4 **ownership; containers.** Upon the registration of a vehicle, the  
5 director of finance shall issue a certificate of registration to  
6 the owner and a certificate of ownership to the legal owner, or  
7 to a dealer who shall be a person licensed to sell new motor  
8 vehicles under chapter 437 which certificates shall meet the  
9 following requirements:

10           (1) Both the certificate of registration and the  
11 certificate of ownership shall contain upon the face  
12 thereof, the date issued, the registration number  
13 assigned to the owner and to the vehicle, the name and  
14 address of the owner and legal owner in typewriting,  
15 also such description of the registered vehicle as may  
16 be determined by the director of finance. If any of  
17 the information subsequently proves to be a  
18 typographical error, the dealer, as defined in section



1           437-1.1, shall notify the director of finance of the  
2           error by a written certificate stating the reasons for  
3           and nature of the error and the correction which  
4           should be made in the certificate of registration and  
5           the certificate of ownership. Upon receipt of the  
6           dealer's certificate by the director of finance, the  
7           certificate of registration and the certificate of  
8           ownership shall be corrected accordingly so long as  
9           the correction does not constitute a change of the  
10          vehicle originally registered. A fee shall be paid to  
11          the director of finance for each instance of  
12          correction of the registration records. The fee  
13          charged for each instance of correction of the  
14          registration records shall be established by the  
15          county's legislative body; and

- 16          (2) In addition to the requirements provided for in  
17          paragraph (1) [~~above~~], the face of the certificate of  
18          ownership shall contain endorsement lines for the  
19          transfer of title or interest of the registered owner  
20          and legal owner, and the odometer reading of the  
21          vehicle on the date of transfer. The reverse side of



1 the certificate of ownership shall contain the  
2 application for registration by the transferee[~~;~~

3 ~~(3) (A) Every owner shall keep the certificate of  
4 registration within the vehicle for which it is  
5 registered and shall present the same at the  
6 request of a police officer, or in the event the  
7 vehicle is a motorcycle, shall carry such  
8 certificate in a convenient receptacle attached  
9 to the vehicle and which shall be presented at  
10 the request of a police officer;~~

11 ~~(B) This shall not apply to state or county vehicles  
12 readily identified by the license plates and  
13 markings on sides of such vehicles;~~

14 ~~(C) This shall not apply to commercial vehicles  
15 defined as rental motor vehicles, or cars shipped  
16 by licensed car dealerships or repossession  
17 companies. These businesses may keep a duplicate  
18 copy of the certificate of registration within  
19 the vehicle for which it is registered, in which  
20 case the certificate of registration shall be  
21 available for inspection at their principal place  
22 of business within the State; and~~



1           ~~(D) This requirement to carry the certificate of~~  
2           ~~registration with the vehicle shall not apply~~  
3           ~~when such certificate is removed from the vehicle~~  
4           ~~for the purpose of application for renewal,~~  
5           ~~transfer of registration, or to record a change~~  
6           ~~in the registration]."~~

7           SECTION 2. Section 286-271, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

9           "(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a legal owner  
10 of a vehicle shall not ship that vehicle interisland in this  
11 State unless the legal owner first presents to the carrier the  
12 legal owner's current certificate of registration showing that  
13 the person is the registered owner of the vehicle,  
14 identification, and proof of motor vehicle insurance. If the  
15 registered owner of the vehicle is not the legal owner of the  
16 vehicle, the registered owner shall present to the carrier, the  
17 registered owner's current certificate of registration,  
18 identification, and proof of motor vehicle insurance. Duplicate  
19 copies of the current registration and proof of motor vehicle  
20 insurance shall be acceptable for commercial vehicles [~~as~~  
21 ~~defined in section 286-47(3)(C).~~] defined as rental motor  
22 vehicles or cars shipped by licensed car dealerships or



1 repossession companies. An authorized agent of the legal or  
2 registered owner may ship the vehicle by presenting the current  
3 certificate of registration, identification, proof of motor  
4 vehicle insurance, and a notarized letter from the registered or  
5 legal owner authorizing the shipment. For an unrecorded owner  
6 pending a lawful transfer, a certificate of ownership signed by  
7 the previous owner may be submitted for the current certificate  
8 of registration for a vehicle purchased within thirty days of  
9 shipping. A facsimile of proof of motor vehicle insurance from  
10 an insurance company may be accepted for a vehicle purchased  
11 within thirty days of shipping. Presentation of proof of motor  
12 vehicle insurance shall not be required for:

- 13 (1) Unlicensed propelled vehicles that are not intended  
14 for on-road use;
- 15 (2) New unregistered vehicles shipped with a bill of  
16 lading; or
- 17 (3) Vehicles owned by the federal, state, or county  
18 government."

19 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



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

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**Report Title:**

Motor Vehicle; Certificate of Registration

**Description:**

Repeals the requirement to keep a certificate of registration within the vehicle for which it is registered.

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