
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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- Heavy trucks; left lane; interstate highways;

5 prohibition. (a) A heavy truck shall be prohibited from

6 driving in the left-most lane of an interstate highway.

7 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), when one lane other

8 than the left-most lane of an interstate highway is closed by

9 law enforcement officers or emergency services personnel because

10 of a traffic incident or accident, a heavy truck shall be

11 allowed to drive in the left most-lane.

12 (c) The director of transportation shall have the

13 authority to declare an emergency to open the use of the left-

14 most lane of an interstate highway to heavy trucks.

15 (d) For the purposes of this section:

16 "Heavy truck" means any motor vehicle having a gross

17 vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or more that is designated or

18 used primarily for the carriage of property other than the



1 personal effects of the driver or passengers and shall include a
 2 motor vehicle to which has been added a box, platform, or other
 3 equipment for such carriage. A heavy truck does not include an
 4 emergency vehicle or mass transit vehicle as defined in section
 5 291-11.6

6 "Interstate highway" means any highway that is part of the
 7 Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense
 8 Highways."

9 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 3. 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 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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H.B. NO. 2392

Report Title:

Heavy Trucks; Left-Most Lane Use

Description:

Prohibits heavy trucks from driving in the left-most lane of an interstate freeway.

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