
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 286-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "neighborhood electric
3 vehicle" to read as follows:

4 "Neighborhood electric vehicle" means a self-propelled
5 electrically powered motor vehicle to which all of the following
6 apply:

7 (1) The vehicle is emission free;

8 (2) The vehicle is designed to be and is operated at
9 speeds of twenty-five miles per hour or less;

10 (3) The vehicle has four wheels in contact with the
11 ground;

12 (4) The vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating of less
13 than [~~two~~] three thousand [~~five-hundred~~] pounds; and

14 (5) The vehicle conforms to the minimum safety equipment
15 requirements as adopted in the Federal Motor Vehicle
16 Safety Standard No. 500, Low Speed Vehicles (49 C.F.R.
17 571.500)."



1 SECTION 2. Section 291C-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "neighborhood electric
3 vehicle" to read as follows:

4 "Neighborhood electric vehicle" means a self-propelled
5 electrically powered motor vehicle to which all of the following
6 apply:

7 (1) The vehicle is emission free;

8 [~~(2)~~] ~~The vehicle is designed to carry four or fewer~~
9 ~~persons;~~

10 ~~(3)]~~ (2) The vehicle is designed to be and is operated at
11 speeds of twenty-five miles per hour or less;

12 [~~(4)]~~ (3) The vehicle has [~~at least~~] four wheels in contact
13 with the ground;

14 [~~(5)]~~ (4) The vehicle has [~~an unladen~~] a gross vehicle
15 weight rating of less than [~~one thousand eight~~
16 ~~hundred~~] three thousand pounds; and

17 [~~(6)]~~ (5) The vehicle conforms to the minimum safety
18 equipment requirements as adopted in the Federal Motor
19 Vehicle Safety Standard No. 500, Low Speed Vehicles
20 (49 C.F.R. 571.500)."

21 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
22 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



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

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Report Title:

Neighborhood Electric Vehicles; Definition; Passenger Capacity;
Weight Rating

Description:

Aligns the definitions of "neighborhood electric vehicle" in sections 286-2 and 291C-1, HRS, for consistency, and increases the maximum weight rating requirement in both definitions to 3,000 pounds. (SD1)

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