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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE NUMBER PLATES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 249-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
3 "(b) Upon an original registration the director of finance
4 shall fix, and shall charge to the owner, a fee equal to the
5 cost of the number plate and tag or emblem plus the
6 administrative cost of furnishing the plate and tag or emblem
7 and effecting the registration. Upon the issuance of a new
8 series of number plates as determined by the directors of
9 finance of each county through majority consent, the director of
10 finance shall charge the owner a fee equal to the costs of the
11 number plate plus the administrative cost of furnishing the
12 plates. Upon issuing a tag or emblem, the director of finance
13 shall charge the owner a fee of 50 cents. The owner shall
14 securely fasten the number plates on the vehicle, one on the
15 front and the other on the rear, at a location provided by the
16 manufacturer or in the absence of such a location upon the
17 bumpers of the vehicle and in conformance with section 291-31,
18 in such a manner as to prevent the plates from swinging.



1 Number plates shall at all times be displayed entirely
2 ~~[unobscured]~~ not covered by a license plate cover and kept
3 reasonably clean[-]; provided that a license plate frame shall
4 be permitted if the frame does not obscure any letters or
5 numbers on the number plate. Any person who operates a motor
6 vehicle with a number plate that has been covered by a license
7 plate cover shall be fined \$250. In the case of trailers,
8 semitrailers, or motorcycles, one plate shall be used and it
9 shall be fastened to the rear thereof at a location provided by
10 the manufacturer or in the absence of such a location at the
11 rear thereof, and in the case of motorcycles in conformance with
12 section 291-31.

13 For purposes of this subsection, "license plate cover"
14 means any tinted, colored, painted, marked, clear, or
15 illuminated object that is designed to cover or distort the
16 number plate."

17 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
18 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
19 begun before its effective date.

20 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 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:

License Plates; Covering; Fine

Description:

Permits the use of license plate frames if they do not obscure any letters or numbers on the number plate. Establishes a fine for operating a motor vehicle with a number plate that has been covered by a license plate cover. Defines "license plate cover".

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