
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:
4 "§286- Reciprocal licensing privileges. (a) A
5 nonresident operator of a motor vehicle who is the holder of a
6 current and valid international driving permit and license to
7 operate a motor vehicle in the country in which the nonresident
8 operator resides is not required to obtain a driver's license to
9 operate a passenger car or truck, as those terms are defined in
10 section 286-2, classified as category 3 under section 286-102,
11 within this State, if the operator does not receive compensation
12 for the operation of the category 3 passenger car or truck;
13 provided that:

14 (1) The director determines that the standards of the
15 other country for licensing operators correspond
16 substantially to those of this State and that the
17 other country extends the same privileges to persons
18 licensed to operate motor vehicles by this State;



1 (2) The director and the other country have exchanged
2 written agreements confirming the reciprocal extension
3 of privileges to operate motor vehicles; and

4 (3) While operating a vehicle on public roadways, the
5 nonresident operator shall possess the current and
6 valid international driving permit and driver's
7 license and shall present the permit and license to a
8 law enforcement officer upon demand.

9 (b) The director shall publish on the department's public
10 internet site a list of the countries for which reciprocal
11 operating privileges have been extended and those that have been
12 withdrawn. The most recent list shall be transmitted to the
13 courts, county prosecuting attorneys, and county police chiefs.

14 (c) The director may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
15 necessary for the purposes of this section."

16 SECTION 2. Section 286-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 repealed.

18 ~~["**[S286-11] Driver's license reciprocity committee.** (a)~~
19 ~~The director shall establish a statewide driver's license~~
20 ~~reciprocity committee consisting of one representative from the~~
21 ~~department of transportation and the chief examiner of drivers~~
22 ~~of each county, or their designees. The committee shall convene~~



1 ~~whenever a foreign country makes a request for driver's license~~
2 ~~reciprocity.~~

3 ~~(b) The statewide driver's license reciprocity committee~~
4 ~~shall evaluate the written knowledge and practical examination~~
5 ~~program of the foreign country requesting driver's license~~
6 ~~reciprocity.~~

7 ~~(c) Members of the statewide driver's license reciprocity~~
8 ~~committee shall serve voluntarily and without compensation, but~~
9 ~~shall be paid reasonable allowances for travel and expenses that~~
10 ~~may be incurred as a result of the performance of their duties~~
11 ~~on the committee. The costs shall be paid by the department of~~
12 ~~transportation.~~

13 ~~(d) In the event that there is available from the~~
14 ~~requesting foreign country an evaluation of that country's~~
15 ~~driver's license requirements prepared by another United States~~
16 ~~driver licensing agency or the American Association of Motor~~
17 ~~Vehicle Administrators, the statewide driver's license~~
18 ~~reciprocity committee shall conduct a comparison review of the~~
19 ~~evaluation and the State's driver licensing examination~~
20 ~~standards and submit a written recommendation to the legislature~~
21 ~~no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular~~
22 ~~legislative session immediately subsequent to the review.~~



1 ~~(e) If there is no such evaluation available from the~~
2 ~~requesting foreign country, the director may select from the~~
3 ~~statewide driver's license reciprocity committee the~~
4 ~~representative from the department of transportation and a~~
5 ~~county examiner of drivers representative to travel to the~~
6 ~~requesting foreign country, at the expense of the requesting~~
7 ~~foreign country, to inspect and examine the foreign country's~~
8 ~~driver's license examination program and advise the committee of~~
9 ~~their findings. The committee shall review the findings and~~
10 ~~submit a written recommendation to the legislature on whether~~
11 ~~the foreign country's driver's license examination standards~~
12 ~~correspond to Hawaii's driver's license examination standards no~~
13 ~~later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular~~
14 ~~legislative session immediately subsequent to the travel and~~
15 ~~evaluation by the driver's license reciprocity committee.~~

16 ~~(f) The director shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91~~
17 ~~necessary for the purposes of this section."]~~

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

20 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2034.

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Report Title:

Driver License Reciprocity with Foreign Countries

Description:

Permits driver licensing reciprocity between Hawaii and foreign countries upon certain conditions. Repeals the driver's license reciprocity committee. Effective 01/01/34. (SD1)

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