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JAN 23 2014

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. There is a need to upgrade the methods and
2 procedures of State inspections because the current system is
3 inefficient in that legislation is required every time an
4 inspection fee is amended. The objective of this Act is to
5 provide the director of transportation greater authority over
6 the motor carrier inspection program so that the cost to a
7 vehicle owner for an inspection, the fees collected from
8 inspection stations, and the administration of the program can
9 be changed by amending administrative rules pursuant to chapter
10 91.

11 This Act also reduces the amount of insurance information
12 required on an inspection certificate. This will reduce data
13 entry requirements for inspectors without degrading the function
14 of checking insurance cards. Digital images of the cards will
15 be stored for easy retrieval should a need for additional
16 information arise.

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1 The Act also withdraws the opportunity to replace lost,
2 stolen, or destroyed inspection stickers without reinspection.

3 SECTION 2. Section 286-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

5 "(e) Upon application for a certificate of inspection to
6 be issued for a vehicle, an inspection as prescribed by the
7 director under subsection (g) shall be conducted on the vehicle,
8 and if the vehicle is found to be in [~~a safe operating~~
9 ~~condition,~~] compliance with the inspection requirements, a
10 certificate of inspection shall be issued upon payment of a fee
11 to be determined by the director. The certificate shall state
12 the [~~effective date, the termination date, the name of the~~
13 ~~issuing insurance carrier, and the policy number of~~] insurance
14 expiration date shown on the motor vehicle insurance
15 identification card for the inspected motor vehicle as specified
16 by section 431:10C-107, a certificate of self-insurance issued
17 by the state insurance commissioner, or state the information
18 contained in the proof of insurance card as specified by section
19 431:10G-106. A validation sticker, authorized by the director,
20 shall be affixed to the vehicle at the time a certificate of
21 inspection is issued. [~~An inspection sticker which has been~~
22 ~~lost, stolen, or destroyed shall be replaced without~~

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1 ~~reinspection by the inspection station that issued the original~~
2 ~~inspection sticker upon presentation of the vehicle's current~~
3 ~~certificate of inspection; provided that the current certificate~~
4 ~~of inspection and inspection sticker shall not have expired at~~
5 ~~the time the replacement is requested. The director shall adopt~~
6 ~~rules to determine the fee for replacement of lost, stolen, or~~
7 ~~destroyed inspection stickers.] "~~

8 SECTION 3. Section 286-209, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 **"§286-209 Safety inspection of motor carrier vehicles.**

11 (a) Motor carrier vehicles, including but not limited to
12 trucks, truck-tractors, semitrailers, trailers, or pole
13 trailers, having a gross vehicle weight rating of more than ten
14 thousand pounds, motor carrier vehicles having a gross vehicle
15 weight rating of ten thousand pounds or less which transport
16 passengers in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise,
17 including car rental transport vehicles, and motor carrier
18 vehicles used in transporting material found by the United
19 States Secretary of Transportation to be hazardous under 49
20 U.S.C. section 5103 and transported in a quantity requiring
21 placarding under 49 C.F.R., subtitle B, chapter I, subchapter C,
22 shall be inspected and certified annually.

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1 (b) The director shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
2 for the administration and enforcement of motor carrier vehicle
3 [safety] inspections, including the maximum cost to vehicle
4 owners, fees collected from the stations, the issuance of
5 certificates of safety inspection, the affixing of motor carrier
6 vehicle safety inspection decals, and the acceptance of
7 certificates of safety inspection issued in other jurisdictions.

8 (c) ~~[The director shall collect a fee of \$1.50 for each~~
9 ~~motor carrier vehicle safety inspection decal issued by motor~~
10 ~~carrier vehicle inspection stations.]~~ All moneys ~~[collected]~~
11 received by the department of transportation shall be ~~[paid]~~
12 deposited into the state highway fund.

13 ~~[-(d) A fee of no more than \$12 shall be charged by a motor~~
14 ~~carrier inspection station for each safety inspection~~
15 ~~performed.]~~

16 ~~[-(e)]~~ (d) For the purposes of this section, "car rental
17 transport vehicles" means motor carrier vehicles used to
18 transport customers to or from car rental sites."


19 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
20 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
21 begun, before its effective date.

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1 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

BY REQUEST

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Report Title:

Motor Vehicle Inspections; Motor Carrier Vehicle Inspections

Description:

Expands authority of the director of transportation over required motor vehicle and motor carrier vehicle inspections in the State.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Transportation

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS.

PURPOSE: Expands authority of the director of transportation over required motor vehicle and motor carrier vehicle inspections in the State.

MEANS: Amend sections 286-26 and 286-209, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: As time passes, the need to upgrade the methods and procedures of state motor vehicle and motor carrier vehicle inspections arises. The current system of making changes to the inspection programs is inefficient, because a bill for an act often needs to be introduced to the legislature in order to change inspection fees.

Amending the administrative rules is a more efficient means of making changes and still allows for input from the public. This bill gives the director expanded authority to make program changes using the process established in chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The bill also deletes all of the insurance information required to be placed on an inspection certificate except the expiration date. With the implementation of an electronic inspection form program, digital images of insurance cards can be made and stored by inspection stations. The image can easily be retrieved if an inspector is suspected of not checking the card or accepting a fraudulent card. Putting only the expiration date on the inspection certificate will minimize the data entry required by inspectors while providing the most important data on the certificate.

Impact on the public: The proposed legislation will allow the program to be run more efficiently, thereby improving service and value to the public. It will also make changes to the inspection fee structure more expedient. These changes typically increase the cost of an inspection to a motor vehicle owner.

Impact on the department and other agencies:
None.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: There will be a change in revenue to the State highway fund when changes in fees are made. These changes are not designed to make a profit but to make the program self-sustaining.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: TRN 595

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.