
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the cost of living
2 in Hawaii is one hundred sixty-five per cent of the national
3 average while Hawaii has the lowest national adjusted-average
4 income, \$22,108. The total cost of vehicle registration in
5 Hawaii, including the vehicle weight tax and county taxes and
6 fees, is among the three most expensive in the United States and
7 Hawaii taxpayers suffer from a significant tax and fee burden.

8 The purpose of this Act is to reduce the annual motor
9 vehicle registration fee from \$45 to \$20 while making up for the
10 shortfall in revenue to the State by raising the fine for
11 driving without a valid motor vehicle registration.

12 SECTION 2. Section 249-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 "**§249-31 State registration fee.** (a) All vehicles and
15 motor vehicles in the State as defined in section 249-1,
16 including antique motor vehicles, except as otherwise provided
17 in sections 249-4, 249-6, and 249-31.5, shall be subject to a



1 [~~\$45~~] \$20 annual vehicle registration fee. The fee shall be
2 paid each year together with all other taxes and fees levied by
3 this chapter on a staggered basis as established by each county
4 as authorized by section 286-51, and the state registration for
5 that county shall likewise be staggered so that the state
6 registration fee is due and payable at the same time and shall
7 be collected together with the county fee. The state
8 registration fee shall be deemed delinquent if not paid with the
9 county registration fee. The respective counties shall collect
10 this fee together with the vehicle registration tax collected
11 for the county and shall transfer the moneys collected under
12 this section to the State.

13 (b) From each annual motor vehicle registration fee, the
14 director shall deposit [~~\$40~~] \$20 into the state highway fund and
15 \$5 into the emergency medical services special fund."

16 SECTION 3. Section 249-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 "**§249-34 Delinquent penalties; seizure and sale for tax**
19 **and fee.** Any tax or fee imposed under sections 249-31 and 249-
20 33 for any year and not paid when due shall be subject to the
21 penalties provided in section 249-10. In addition, any person



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1 who knowingly operates a motor vehicle, for which the state
2 registration fee is delinquent, upon public highways of this
3 State, shall be fined not less than \$150 and not more than
4 \$500."

5 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 5. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
8 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
9 begun before its effective date.

10 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

Motor Vehicles; State Registration Fee; Penalties.

Description:

Reduces the annual motor vehicle registration fee and increases penalties for knowingly operating a motor vehicle upon a public highway with delinquent registration.

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