
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CROSSWALK SAFETY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that section 291C-33,
2 Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to pedestrian-control signals,
3 was last amended in 1981. This section needs to be updated to
4 include countdown timers and to clarify when a pedestrian is
5 allowed to cross when the countdown timer is operating.
6 Countdown timers show pedestrians how many seconds are left to
7 cross the street before the pedestrian signal changes from a
8 flashing "Don't Walk" to a steady "Don't Walk" or upraised palm
9 indication.

10 SECTION 2. Section 291C-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 "~~§~~291C-33 **Pedestrian-control signals.** Whenever special
13 pedestrian-control signals, exhibiting the words "Walk" [~~or~~],
14 "Don't Walk" or the symbols of a walking person or an upraised
15 palm, or a countdown timer are in place such signals shall
16 indicate as follows:

17 (1) Walk or Walking Person. Pedestrians facing [~~such~~] the
18 signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction



1 of the signal and shall be given the right-of-way by
2 the drivers of all vehicles[-];

3 (2) Don't Walk or Upraised Palm. No pedestrian shall
4 start to cross the roadway in the direction of [~~such~~]
5 the signal, whether flashing or steady, but any
6 pedestrian who has partially completed the
7 pedestrian's crossing on the Walk or Walking Person
8 signal shall complete the crossing to a sidewalk or
9 safety island while the Don't Walk or Upraised Palm
10 signal is showing[-]; and

11 (3) Countdown timer. If the pedestrian-control signal is
12 equipped with a countdown timer, any pedestrian who
13 has partially completed the pedestrian's crossing
14 while the countdown timer is operating shall complete
15 the crossing to a sidewalk or safety island while the
16 countdown timer is operating."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

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

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Crosswalk Safety; Pedestrians

Description:

Clarifies when pedestrians may enter a crosswalk equipped with a countdown timer. (SD1)

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