
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the number of motor
2 vehicles using wheels with a propensity to cause severe injury
3 and property damage has increased. By design, most of these
4 wheels have parts that extend past their rim, including gorilla
5 pokes, superpoke elbows, and giraffe necks. Similarly, wheels
6 that are otherwise safe may be made dangerous due to the
7 addition of aftermarket parts, such as lug nuts and wheel
8 covers, that bear sharp pointed projections.

9 The legislature further finds that existing law does not
10 address the inherent dangers associated with the use of these
11 types of motor vehicle wheels.

12 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the use of certain
13 types of motor vehicle wheels that are considered dangerous.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by adding a new section to part XII to be appropriately
16 designated and to read as follows:



1 "§291C- Dangerous wheels; prohibited. No person shall
2 operate a vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer equipped with
3 dangerous wheels."

4 SECTION 3. Section 291C-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
6 and to read as follows:

7 ""Dangerous wheels" means any wheel, wheel cover, hubcap,
8 lug nut cover or cap, prong, or any ornamentation affixed
9 thereto that extends four inches or more beyond the outer edge
10 of the wheel's rim and that may cause injury or property damage
11 by minimal contact with a person or object."

12 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
13 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
14 begun before its effective date.

15 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Traffic Code; Dangerous Wheels; Prohibited

Description:

Defines and prohibits the use of dangerous wheels.

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