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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 291-31.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) No person shall knowingly operate, affix or cause to  
4 be affixed, display, or possess any lamp, reflector, or  
5 illumination device that appears to be the color blue, or colors  
6 blue and red, upon any motor vehicle, motorcycle, motor scooter,  
7 bicycle, or moped except for:

8 (1) County law enforcement vehicles authorized and  
9 approved by the chief of police of the county in which  
10 the vehicle is operated;

11 (2) Department of public safety law enforcement vehicles  
12 with blue and red lamps, reflectors, or illumination  
13 devices authorized and approved by the director of  
14 public safety; [~~or~~]

15 (3) Department of land and natural resources division of  
16 conservation and resources enforcement vehicles with  
17 blue and red lamps, reflectors, or illumination



1 devices authorized and approved by the chairperson of  
 2 the board of land and natural resources [-]; or  
 3 (4) Department of transportation division of harbors law  
 4 enforcement vehicles with blue and red lamps,  
 5 reflectors, or illumination devices authorized and  
 6 approved by the director of transportation.

7 This prohibition shall not apply to factory-installed instrument  
 8 illumination."

9 SECTION 2. Section 291C-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 10 amended by amending the definition of "authorized emergency  
 11 vehicle" to read as follows:

12 "Authorized emergency vehicle" includes fire department  
 13 vehicles, police vehicles, ambulances, ocean safety vehicles,  
 14 public safety law enforcement vehicles, [~~and~~] conservation and  
 15 resources enforcement vehicles, and department of transportation  
 16 division of harbors law enforcement vehicles authorized and  
 17 approved pursuant to section 291-31.5 that are publicly owned  
 18 and other publicly or privately owned vehicles designated as  
 19 such by a county council."



1 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
3 begun, before the effective date of this Act.

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

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



**Report Title:**

Law Enforcement Vehicles

**Description:**

Authorizes law enforcement vehicles of the harbors division of the department of transportation to be equipped with lights, sirens, and other equipment in a similar manner to other authorized emergency vehicles. (HB901 CD1)

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