
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE.

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 [7] exhibiting the words "Walk" or
14 "Don't Walk" [øæ], the symbols of a walking person or an
15 upraised palm, or a countdown timer are in place, such signals
16 shall indicate as follows:



- 1 (1) Walk or Walking Person. Pedestrians facing [~~such~~] the
2 signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction
3 of the signal and shall be given the right-of-way by
4 the drivers of all vehicles[-];
- 5 (2) Don't Walk or Upraised Palm. No pedestrian shall
6 start to cross the roadway in the direction of [~~such~~]
7 the signal, whether flashing or steady, but any
8 pedestrian who has partially completed the
9 pedestrian's crossing on the Walk or Walking Person
10 signal shall complete the crossing to a sidewalk or
11 safety island while the Don't Walk or Upraised Palm
12 signal is showing[-]; and
- 13 (3) Countdown timer. If the pedestrian-control signal is
14 equipped with a countdown timer, no pedestrian shall
15 start to cross the roadway in the direction of the
16 signal when the countdown timer begins operating, but
17 any pedestrian who has partially completed the
18 pedestrian's crossing while the countdown timer is
19 operating shall complete the crossing to a sidewalk or
20 safety island while the countdown timer is operating."



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Pedestrian Walk Signals; Countdown Timers

Description:

Clarifies when pedestrians may enter a crosswalk equipped with a countdown timer. (SB2585 HD1)

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