

JAN 20 2017

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, according to the
2 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, forty per cent
3 of all cyclist fatalities are caused by a motor vehicle striking
4 the cyclist from behind. Fourteen cyclists have been killed on
5 Hawaii's roads in the last five years and twelve per cent felt
6 their personal safety was threatened during their last ride.
7 One common reason why many cyclists feel threatened for personal
8 safety while riding on the road is the close proximity in which
9 motor vehicles are operated in relation to cyclists. As of
10 2015, safe passing zone laws or safe passing distance
11 requirements exist in thirty-eight states, but Hawaii is not
12 among them.

13 The purpose of this Act is to establish a safe passing zone
14 of three feet between cyclists and motor vehicles to increase
15 cycling safety.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

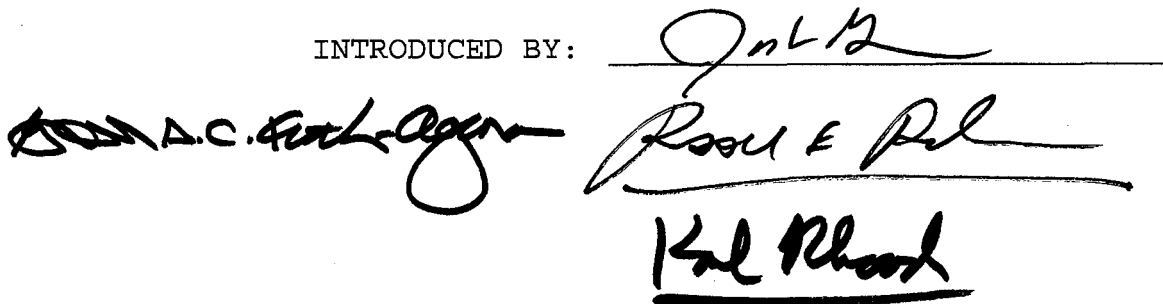
4 "§291C- Operation of a motor vehicle within safe passing
5 zone prohibited. The driver of a motor vehicle shall not
6 operate the motor vehicle within the safe passing zone of a
7 person operating a bicycle. For purposes of this section, "safe
8 passing zone" means a space of three feet surrounding a person
9 operating a bicycle."

10 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 742

Report Title:

Motor Vehicles; Bicycles; Safe Passing Zone

Description:

Prohibits a motor vehicle from being operated within the safe passing zone of three feet surrounding a person operating a bicycle. Defines "safe passing zone".

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