
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO REBUILT VEHICLES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that existing laws
2 inhibit insurers' ability to push a "rebuilt" or "salvage" title
3 when a total loss is retained by the insured for a flooded
4 vehicle. Current cars have a significant amount of electronic
5 devices installed throughout the vehicle and are highly
6 vulnerable to flood damage, particularly if salt water is
7 involved. Such vehicles should have a branded title to warn
8 potential subsequent purchasers.

9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to include flood
10 damage and material damage to a motor vehicle's electronics in
11 the definition of "rebuilt vehicle".

12 SECTION 2. Section 286-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by amending the definition of "rebuilt vehicle" to read
14 as follows:

15 ""Rebuilt vehicle" means any vehicle which has been
16 declared a total loss by an insurer and has been rebuilt or
17 repaired to operate on public highways. For the purpose of this



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1 definition, a vehicle is a total loss only if there is material
2 damage, including flood damage, to the vehicle's electronics,
3 frame, unitized structure, or suspension system, and the
4 projected cost of repairing the damage exceeds the market value
5 of the vehicle at the time of the incident causing it to be
6 declared a total loss."

7 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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Report Title:

Rebuilt Vehicle; Flood Damage; Electronics

Description:

Includes flood damage and material damage to a motor vehicle's electronics in the definition of "rebuilt vehicle" in section 286-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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