
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 substantively amended in 1981. This section needs to
4 be updated to include countdown timers and to clarify what a
5 pedestrian must do when in a crosswalk while the countdown timer
6 is operating. Countdown timers show pedestrians how many
7 seconds are left to cross the street before the pedestrian
8 signal changes from a flashing "Don't Walk" to a steady "Don't
9 Walk" or upraised palm 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
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 signal, whether flashing or steady, but any pedestrian
8 who has partially completed the pedestrian's crossing
9 on the Walk or Walking Person signal shall complete
10 the crossing to a sidewalk or safety island while the
11 Don't Walk or Upraised Palm signal is showing[-]; and
- 12 (3) Countdown timer. If the pedestrian-control signal is
13 equipped with a countdown timer, no pedestrian shall
14 start to cross the roadway in the direction of such
15 signal once the countdown begins, but any pedestrian
16 who has partially completed the pedestrian's crossing
17 when the countdown begins shall complete the crossing
18 to a sidewalk or safety island before the countdown
19 timer ends."



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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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-Control Signals; Countdown Timers

Description:

Clarifies what pedestrians are required to do when in a crosswalk while a countdown timer is operating. (SB693 HD1)

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