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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 291C-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

3 "(c) The exemptions granted in subsection (b) to an  
4 authorized emergency vehicle shall apply only when the vehicle  
5 is making use of authorized audible and visual signals, except  
6 that the exemption applies to fire department vehicles while  
7 making use of authorized audible or visual signals or as  
8 otherwise provided by county ordinance. [~~This subsection shall~~  
9 ~~not apply to police vehicles.~~]"

10 SECTION 2. Section 291C-65, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended by amending its title and subsection (a) to read as  
12 follows:

13 "[+]§291C-65[+] **Operation of vehicles on approach of**  
14 **authorized emergency vehicles.** (a) Except as otherwise  
15 provided by county ordinance, upon the immediate approach of an  
16 authorized emergency vehicle making use of audible [~~and~~] or  
17 visual signals, the driver of every other vehicle shall yield



1 the right-of-way and shall immediately drive to a position clear  
 2 of any intersection and parallel to, and as close as possible  
 3 to, the right hand edge or curb of the highway or the nearest  
 4 edge or curb when the highway has multiple lanes or when the  
 5 highway is a divided highway or one-way street and shall stop  
 6 and remain in such position until the authorized emergency  
 7 vehicle [~~is~~] has passed, except as otherwise directed by a  
 8 police officer."

9 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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# H.B. NO. 28

**Report Title:**

Authorized Emergency Vehicles; Fire Department Vehicles; Audible Signals

**Description:**

Allows authorized emergency vehicles, including fire department vehicles, discretion to use either authorized audible or visual signals when responding to an emergency. Requires vehicles to yield to an authorized emergency vehicle using either an audible or visual signal.

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