
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOPEDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that noise pollution is a
2 serious problem affecting quality of life, particularly in urban
3 areas. Loud internal combustion engine mopeds are significant
4 contributors which have raised ongoing concerns in communities
5 throughout the State. Unlike many larger motorcycles with
6 greater engine displacement and robust exhaust baffling, even
7 mopeds with factory mufflers can still be many times louder and
8 noisier than most vehicles on the road.

9 The legislature further finds that loud internal combustion
10 engine mopeds, particularly extremely inefficient two stroke
11 engines, compose a small fraction of all vehicles but can
12 produce pollution at factors thousands of times higher than
13 other vehicle classes. The particulate matter they produce
14 reduces urban air quality, damages health, and contributes to
15 climate change.

16 The legislature further finds that cities around the world
17 have already begun to phase out noisy and polluting internal



1 combustion engine mopeds in favor of clean and quiet electric
2 mopeds. Cities as large as Beijing, China, have already
3 completed the conversion, which has significantly reduced urban
4 noise pollution and visibly increased air quality.

5 Clean and quiet electric mopeds without complicated
6 internal combustion engines also allow drivers to reduce their
7 cost of maintenance and, with the ability to recharge the hand-
8 held portable batteries of mopeds at any regular wall outlet,
9 reduce the cost of fuel and operation for drivers compared to
10 internal combustion engines.

11 The purpose of this Act is to follow the countless cities
12 that have addressed urban noise pollution, environmental
13 pollution, and health impacts caused by noisy and polluting
14 internal combustion engine mopeds by transitioning to clean and
15 quiet electric mopeds.

16 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
17 adding a new chapter to title 17 to be appropriately designated
18 and to read as follows:



1 "CHAPTER

2 MOPEDS

3 § -1 Definitions. For purposes of this chapter:

4 "Moped" shall have the same meaning as that term is defined
5 in section 286-2.

6 "Retailer" means a person or entity that engages in the
7 practice of selling mopeds to consumers.

8 § -2 Sale of new combustion engine-powered mopeds;
9 prohibited. (a) Beginning January 1, 2022, no retailer shall
10 sell or offer for sale any combustion engine-powered moped
11 unless the moped was purchased in a consumer transaction prior
12 to January 1, 2022.

13 (b) This section shall not be construed to prohibit any
14 individual or retailer from reselling, renting, or offering for
15 resale or rent a combustion engine-powered moped that was
16 purchased in a consumer transaction prior to January 1, 2022.

17 § -3 Civil penalty; enforcement. Any person who
18 violates this chapter shall be fined not more than \$
19 for each separate offense. Each violation shall constitute a
20 separate offense."

21 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2025.



Report Title:

Combustion Engine-Powered Mopeds; Sale; Prohibition; Penalty

Description:

Requires a transition to silent, clean electric mopeds by prohibiting a retailer from selling or offering for sale combustion engine-powered mopeds beginning January 1, 2022. Effective January 1, 2025. (SD1)

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