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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, in order to
2 optimize the effectiveness of highway safety programs, the
3 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recommends that
4 each state have a program for periodic safety inspections of all
5 registered motor vehicles. Motor vehicle safety inspections are
6 intended to reduce the number of vehicles with existing or
7 potential conditions that may contribute to crashes or increase
8 the severity of crashes that do occur. The legislature agrees
9 that oversight is needed to ensure motor vehicles are kept in
10 good working order so as not to endanger the driver, any other
11 occupant of the motor vehicle, or any other person upon the
12 roadway.

13 However, the legislature acknowledges that the decreased
14 availability of safety inspectors, compounded by the
15 increasingly limited number of hours offered to the public to
16 receive the services, has caused annual motor vehicle safety
17 inspections to become an undue hardship on Hawaii's residents,



1 particularly residents living in rural areas. Amending the
2 motor vehicle safety inspection requirements from an annual to a
3 biennial basis, while maintaining the rate of fees charged per
4 year, would enable the State to maintain high vehicle safety
5 standards while addressing the needs of safety inspectors and
6 drivers.

7 The purpose of this Act is to reduce the frequency of motor
8 vehicle safety inspections for certain vehicles from every
9 twelve months to every twenty-four months.

10 SECTION 2. Section 286-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended as follows:

12 1. By amending subsection (b) to read:

13 "(b) All other vehicles, including motorcycles, mopeds,
14 trailers, semitrailers, and pole trailers having a gross vehicle
15 weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less, and antique motor
16 vehicles as defined in section 249-1, except those in
17 subsections (c) and (d), shall be certified as provided in
18 subsection (e) [~~every twelve months; provided that any vehicle~~
19 ~~to which this subsection applies, except a moped, shall not~~
20 ~~require inspection within~~]; provided that:



1 (1) No vehicle shall require inspection until two years
2 [e] after the date on which the vehicle was first
3 sold[-];

4 (2) Any vehicle with a model year ten years of age or
5 newer shall be certified every twenty-four months; and

6 (3) Any vehicle with a model year older than ten years of
7 age shall be certified every twelve months."

8 2. By amending subsection (e) to read:

9 "(e) Upon application for a certificate of inspection to
10 be issued for a vehicle or moped, an inspection as prescribed by
11 the director under subsection (g) shall be conducted on the
12 vehicle or moped, and if the vehicle or moped is found to be in
13 a safe operating condition, a certificate of inspection shall be
14 issued upon payment of a fee to be determined by the
15 director[-]; provided that the fee for a vehicle with a model
16 year ten years of age or newer shall be twice that of the fee
17 charged for a vehicle with a model year older than ten years of
18 age. The certificate shall state the effective date, the
19 termination date, the name of the issuing insurance carrier, and
20 the policy number of the motor vehicle insurance identification
21 card for the inspected motor vehicle as specified by section



1 431:10C-107 or state the information contained in the proof of
2 insurance card as specified by section 431:10G-106. A sticker,
3 authorized by the director, shall be affixed to the vehicle or
4 moped at the time a certificate of inspection is issued. An
5 inspection sticker which has been lost, stolen, or destroyed
6 shall be replaced without reinspection by the inspection station
7 that issued the original inspection sticker upon presentation of
8 the current certificate of inspection; provided that the current
9 certificate of inspection and inspection sticker shall not have
10 expired at the time the replacement is requested. The director
11 shall adopt rules to determine the fee for replacement of lost,
12 stolen, or destroyed inspection stickers."

13 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Motor Vehicle Inspection; Safety Checks

Description:

Requires a two-year motor vehicle inspection safety check for vehicles ten years of age or newer. Doubles the inspection fee for the two-year vehicle inspection safety check.

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