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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. Chapter 291C, part II, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
- 2 is amended by amending its title to read as follows:
- 3 "PART II. [ACCIDENTS] COLLISIONS AND [ACCIDENT] COLLISION
- 4 REPORTS"
- 5 SECTION 2. Section 291C-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 6 amended by amending its title and subsection (a) to read as
- 7 follows:
- 8 "§291C-12 [Accidents] Collisions involving death or
- 9 serious bodily injury. (a) The driver of any vehicle involved
- 10 in [an accident] a collision resulting in serious bodily injury
- 11 to or death of any person shall immediately stop the vehicle at
- 12 the scene of the [accident] collision or as close thereto as
- 13 possible but shall then forthwith return to and in every event
- 14 shall remain at the scene of the [accident] collision until the
- 15 driver has fulfilled the requirements of section 291C-14. Every
- 16 such stop shall be made without obstructing traffic more than is
- 17 necessary."

- 1 SECTION 3. Section 291C-12.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by amending its title and subsection (a) to read as
- 3 follows:
- 4 "§291C-12.5 [Accidents] Collisions involving substantial
- 5 bodily injury. (a) The driver of any vehicle involved in [an
- 6 accident] a collision resulting in substantial bodily injury to
- 7 any person shall immediately stop the vehicle at the scene of
- 8 the [accident] collision or as close thereto as possible but
- 9 shall then forthwith return to and in every event shall remain
- 10 at the scene of the [accident] collision until the driver has
- 11 fulfilled the requirements of section 291C-14. Every such stop
- 12 shall be made without obstructing traffic more than is
- 13 necessary."
- 14 SECTION 4. Section 291C-12.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 15 amended by amending its title and subsection (a) to read as
- 16 follows:
- 17 "§291C-12.6 [Accidents] Collisions involving bodily
- 18 injury. (a) The driver of any vehicle involved in [an
- 19 accident] a collision resulting in bodily injury to any person
- 20 shall immediately stop the vehicle at the scene of the
- 21 [accident] collision or as close thereto as possible but shall



- 1 then forthwith return to and in every event shall remain at the
- 2 scene of the [accident] collision until the driver has fulfilled
- 3 the requirements of section 291C-14. Every such stop shall be
- 4 made without obstructing traffic more than is necessary."
- 5 SECTION 5. Section 291C-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 "§291C-13 [Accidents] Collisions involving damage to
- 8 vehicle or property. The driver of any vehicle involved in [an
- 9 accident] a collision resulting only in damage to a vehicle or
- 10 other property that is driven or attended by any person shall
- 11 immediately stop such vehicle at the scene of the [accident]
- 12 collision or as close thereto as possible, but shall forthwith
- 13 return to, and in every event shall remain at, the scene of the
- 14 [accident] collision until the driver has fulfilled the
- 15 requirements of section 291C-14. Every such stop shall be made
- 16 without obstructing traffic more than is necessary. For any
- 17 violation under this section, a surcharge of up to \$100 may be
- 18 imposed, in addition to other penalties, which shall be
- 19 deposited into the trauma system special fund."
- 20 SECTION 6. Section 291C-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 21 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

1 The driver of any vehicle involved in [an accident] a "(a) 2 collision resulting in injury to or death of any person or 3 damage to any vehicle or other property which is driven or 4 attended by any person shall give the driver's name, address, 5 and the registration number of the vehicle the driver is 6 driving, and shall upon request and if available exhibit the 7 driver's license or permit to drive to any person injured in the 8 [accident] collision or to the driver or occupant of or person 9 attending any vehicle or other property damaged in the 10 [accident] collision and shall give such information and upon 11 request exhibit such license or permit to any police officer at 12 the scene of the [accident] collision or who is investigating 13 the [accident] collision and shall render to any person injured 14 in the [accident] collision reasonable assistance, including the 15 carrying, or the making of arrangements for the carrying, of the 16 person to a physician, surgeon, or hospital for medical or 17 surgical treatment if it is apparent that such treatment is 18 necessary, or if such carrying is requested by the injured 19 person; provided that if the vehicle involved in the [accident] 20 collision is a bicycle, the driver of the bicycle need not 21 exhibit a license or permit to drive.

In the event that none of the persons specified is in 1 2 condition to receive the information to which they otherwise would be entitled under subsection (a), and no police officer is 3 present, the driver of any vehicle involved in the [accident] 4 collision after fulfilling all other requirements of section 5 6 291C-12, 291C-12.5, or 291C-12.6, and subsection (a) of this section, insofar as possible on the driver's part to be 7 performed, shall forthwith report the [accident] collision to 8 9 the nearest police officer and submit thereto the information 10 specified in subsection (a)." 11 SECTION 7. Section 291C-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows: 12 "§291C-15 Duty upon striking unattended vehicle or other 13 property. The driver of any vehicle which collides with or is 14 involved in an [accident] collision with any vehicle or other 15 property which is unattended resulting in any damage to the 16 other vehicle or property shall immediately stop and shall then 17 and there either locate and notify the operator or owner of such 18 vehicle or other property of the driver's name, address, and the 19 registration number of the vehicle the driver is driving or 20 21 shall attach securely in a conspicuous place in or on such

- 1 vehicle or other property a written notice giving the driver's
- 2 name, address, and the registration number of the vehicle the
- 3 driver is driving and shall without unnecessary delay notify the
- 4 nearest police office. Every such stop shall be made without
- 5 obstructing traffic more than is necessary. For any violation
- 6 under this section, a surcharge of up to \$100 may be imposed, in
- 7 addition to other penalties, which shall be deposited into the
- 8 trauma system special fund."
- 9 SECTION 8. Section 291C-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 10 amended by amending its title and subsections (a) and (b) to
- 11 read as follows:
- "§291C-16 Immediate notice of [accident.] collision. (a)
- 13 The driver of a vehicle involved in [an accident] a collision
- 14 resulting in injury or death of any person or total damage to
- 15 all property to an apparent extent of \$3,000 or more shall
- 16 immediately by the quickest means of communication give notice
- 17 of the [accident] collision to the nearest police office. If
- 18 sent to the site of the [accident,] collision, a responding
- 19 police officer shall file a written report if it appears at the
- 20 time that the [accident] collision has resulted in the injury or

- 1 death of any person, or total damage to all property to an
- 2 apparent extent of \$3,000 or more.
- 3 (b) Whenever the driver of a vehicle is physically
- 4 incapable of giving an immediate notice of [an accident] a
- 5 collision as required in subsection (a) and there was another
- 6 occupant in the vehicle at the time of the [accident] collision
- 7 capable of doing so, such occupant shall make or cause to be
- 8 given the notice not given by the driver."
- 9 SECTION 9. Section 291C-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 10 amended to read as follows:
- "[+] §291C-19[+] Garages to report. The person in charge
- 12 of any garage or repair shop to which is brought any motor
- 13 vehicle which shows evidence of having been involved in [an
- 14 accident] a collision of which written report must be made by
- 15 the driver as provided in chapter 287, or struck by any bullet,
- 16 shall report to the police department, within twenty-four hours
- 17 after the motor vehicle is received by the garage or repair
- 18 shop, giving the vehicle identification number, registration
- 19 number, and the name and address of the owner or driver of the
- 20 vehicle."

1 SECTION 10. Section 291C-20, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by amending its title and subsections (a) and (b) to 3 read as follows: 4 "[+] §291C-20[+] Disclosure of traffic [accident] collision 5 reports. (a) Any traffic [accident] collision report required 6 under this chapter shall be made without prejudice to the person 7 required to report information concerning the [accident] 8 collision and shall be for the confidential use of the police 9 department, except that the department shall, upon request, 10 disclose such record, to any person directly concerned in the 11 traffic [accident] collision or having a proper interest 12 therein, including: The driver or drivers involved, or the employer, 13 (1) 14 parent, or legal quardian thereof; 15 (2) The authorized representative of any person involved 16 in the [accident;] collision; 17 Any person injured in the [accident;] collision; (3) 18 (4)The owners of vehicles or property damaged in the 19 [accident;] collision; 20 (5) Any law enforcement agency; and 21 Any court of competent jurisdiction. (6)

1	(b)	Any person who may sue because of death resulting from
2	[any such	accident] a collision shall be deemed a party directly
3	concerned	. "
4	SECT	ION 11. Section 291C-163, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5	amended by	y amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
6	"(a)	This chapter shall not be deemed to prevent counties
7	with resp	ect to streets and highways under their jurisdiction
8	from:	
9	(1)	Regulating or prohibiting stopping, standing, or
10		parking except as provided in section 291C-111;
11	(2)	Regulating traffic by means of police officers or
12		official traffic-control devices;
13	(3)	Regulating or prohibiting processions or assemblages
14		on the highways;
15	(4)	Designating particular highways or roadways for use by
16		traffic moving in one direction;
17	(5)	Establishing speed limits for vehicles in public
18		parks;
19	(6)	Designating any highway as a through highway or
20		designating any intersection as a stop or yield
21		intersection;

1	(7)	Restricting the use of highways;
2	(8)	Regulating the operation and equipment of and
3		requiring the registration and inspection of bicycles,
4		including the requirement of a registration fee;
5	(9)	Regulating or prohibiting the turning of vehicles or
6		specified types of vehicles;
7	(10)	Altering or establishing speed limits;
8	(11)	Requiring written [accident] collision reports;
9	(12)	Designating no-passing zones;
10	(13)	Prohibiting or regulating the use of controlled-access
11		roadways by any class or kind of traffic;
12	(14)	Prohibiting or regulating the use of heavily traveled
13		streets by any class or kind of traffic found to be
14		incompatible with the normal and safe movement of
15		traffic;
16	(15)	Establishing minimum speed limits;
17	(16)	Designating hazardous railroad grade crossing;
18	(17)	Designating and regulating traffic on play streets;
19	(18)	Prohibiting pedestrians from crossing a roadway in a
20		business district or any designated highway except in
21		a crosswalk;



1	(19)	Restricting pedestrian crossing at unmarked
2		crosswalks;
3	(20)	Regulating persons propelling push carts;
4	(21)	Regulating persons upon skates, coasters, sleds, and
5		other toy vehicles;
6	(22)	Adopting and enforcing such temporary or experimental
7		regulations as may be necessary to cover emergencies
8		or special conditions;
9	(23)	Adopting maximum and minimum speed limits on streets
10		and highways within their respective jurisdictions;
11	(24)	Adopting requirements on stopping, standing, and
12		parking on streets and highways within their
13		respective jurisdictions except as provided in section
14		291C-111;
15	(25)	Prohibiting or regulating electric personal assistive
16		mobility devices on sidewalks and bicycle paths;
17	(26)	Implementing a photo red light imaging detector system
18		pursuant to chapter 291J; and
19	(27)	Adopting such other traffic regulations as are
20		specifically authorized by this chapter."



- 1 SECTION 12. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 3 SECTION 13. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



Report Title:

Statewide Traffic Code; Accident; Collision

Description:

Replaces the term "accident" with collision for purposes of certain provisions of the statewide traffic code.

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