
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRUCK BEDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 291-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended as follows:

3 1. By amending subsection (a) to read:

4 "(a) No person shall stand in the bed or load-carrying
5 area of any motor vehicle commonly known as a pickup truck while
6 the vehicle is in operation. No operator of any pickup truck
7 shall operate the vehicle with a passenger seated in the bed or
8 load-carrying area of the vehicle [~~unless:~~

9 ~~(1) There is no seating available in the cab of the~~
10 ~~vehicle;~~

11 ~~(2) The side racks of the vehicle are securely attached~~
12 ~~and the tailboard or tailgate is securely closed;~~

13 ~~(3) Every passenger in the bed or load carrying area of~~
14 ~~the vehicle is seated on the floor and does not~~
15 ~~attempt to control unlashd cargo.]~~

16 except as allowed under subsection (c)."

17 2. By amending subsections (c) and (d) to read:



1 "(c) No operator of any pickup truck may operate the
2 vehicle with any passenger [~~twelve years of age or under~~] in the
3 bed or load-carrying area of the vehicle, unless one of the
4 following applies:

5 (1) An emergency exists that threatens the life of the
6 passenger being transported in the bed or load-
7 carrying area of the vehicle; or

8 (2) The vehicle is being operated in parades, caravans, or
9 exhibitions [~~which~~] that are officially authorized or
10 otherwise permitted by law.

11 (d) Any person who violates this section shall be subject
12 to a fine of \$25 for each violation[~~, provided that any person~~
13 ~~who violates subsection (c) shall be subject to a fine of \$50~~
14 ~~for each separate violation]~~."

15 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Pickup Trucks; Passengers in Load-carrying Area or Beds

Description:

Prohibits operation of a pickup truck with any passengers seated in the bed or load-carrying area unless in an emergency or an officially authorized parade caravan, or exhibition. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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