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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 286-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended as follows:
3 1. By amending subsection (e) to read:
4 "(e) Upon application for a certificate of inspection to
5 be issued for a vehicle or moped, an inspection as prescribed by
6 the director under subsection (g) shall be conducted on the
7 vehicle or moped~~[, and if]~~. If the vehicle or moped is found to
8 be in a safe operating condition, including adhering to head
9 lamp requirements and specifications pursuant to section
10 291-25(a), as applicable, and is not equipped with a muffler or
11 exhaust system that fails to comply with section 291-24 or
12 291-24.5, as applicable, a certificate of inspection shall be
13 issued upon payment of a fee to be determined by the director.
14 The certificate shall state the effective date, ~~[the]~~
15 termination date, ~~[the]~~ name of the issuing insurance carrier,
16 and ~~[the]~~ policy number of the motor vehicle insurance
17 identification card for the inspected motor vehicle as specified



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

14 2. By amending subsection (g) to read:

15 "(g) The director of transportation shall adopt necessary
16 rules for the administration of inspections and the issuance of
17 certificates of inspection; provided that the rules shall
18 include head lamp requirements that adhere to the specifications
19 pursuant to section 291-25(a), as applicable[7]; provided
20 further that the rules shall, at a minimum, require inspections
21 to ensure that a motorcycle, moped, or motor vehicle is not



1 equipped with a muffler or exhaust system that fails to comply
2 with section 291-24 or 291-24.5, as applicable."

3 SECTION 2. Section 286-211, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "[~~§~~286-211~~]~~ **Permits to operate official inspection**

6 **stations.** (a) The director shall issue permits for and furnish
7 instructions and all forms to official inspection stations. The
8 stations shall operate pursuant to standards established by the
9 director.

10 (b) Application for an official inspection station permit
11 shall be made upon an official form and shall be granted only
12 when the director is satisfied that the station is properly
13 equipped and has competent personnel to make the required
14 inspections. Before issuing a permit, the director shall
15 require the applicant to file proof that the applicant has, in
16 effect, a liability insurance policy, issued to the applicant by
17 an insurance company, authorized to do business in the State,
18 insuring against the liability of the applicant and any of the
19 applicant's employees, in minimum amounts as follows:
20 comprehensive public liability insurance in the amount of
21 \$10,000 for one person and \$20,000 for one accident and



1 comprehensive property damage insurance of \$5,000~~[7]~~; provided
2 that the director may, by rules ~~[and regulations]~~, set higher
3 limits; provided further that the proof of insurance need not be
4 filed by an applicant who inspects only vehicles owned by the
5 applicant; ~~[and]~~ provided further that the proof of insurance
6 need not be filed by instrumentalities of the United States.

7 (c) A permit for an official inspection station shall not
8 be assigned or transferred or used at any location other than
9 that designated by the director and every permit shall be posted
10 in a conspicuous place at the location so designated.

11 (d) A permit for an official inspection station shall be
12 suspended or revoked, or renewal thereof shall be refused by the
13 director, upon a third or subsequent wilful violation within a
14 period of eighteen months of any rule requiring an official
15 inspection station to ensure a motorcycle, moped, or motor
16 vehicle is not equipped with a muffler or exhaust system that
17 fails to comply with section 291-24 or 291-24.5, as applicable."

18 SECTION 3. Section 291-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

20 "(c) Whoever violates this section shall be fined not more
21 than ~~[\$100.]~~ \$500."



1 SECTION 4. Section 291-24.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§291-24.5 Motor vehicle muffler.** (a) No person shall
4 use on a public highway, sell, offer for sale, alter, or install
5 a muffler, including but not limited to a cut-out, bypass, or
6 similar device, that will noticeably increase the noise emitted
7 by a motor vehicle above that emitted by the vehicle as equipped
8 from the factory.

9 (b) Except as provided in section 291-24.4, any violation
10 of this section shall [~~constitute a violation and shall~~] be
11 enforceable by police officers. Violation of this section shall
12 subject the violator to the following penalties:

13 (1) For a first violation, the person shall be fined not
14 more than \$100;

15 (2) For a second violation committed within three years of
16 any other violation under this section, the person
17 shall be fined not more than \$300; and

18 (3) For a violation of a third or subsequent offense
19 committed within five years of any other violation
20 under this section, the person shall be fined not more
21 than \$900.



1 Any person who violates the provisions of this section may be
2 issued a summons or citation for the violation."

3 SECTION 5. Section 437B-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "**§437B-11 Prohibited practices.** In addition to any other
6 grounds for disciplinary action authorized by law, the following
7 acts or omissions related to the repair of motor vehicles shall
8 be grounds for invoking the enforcement procedures of section
9 437B-12:

- 10 (1) Making or authorizing in any manner or by any means
11 whatever any statement written or oral [~~which~~] that is
12 untrue or misleading, and [~~which~~] that is known, or
13 [~~which~~] that by the exercise of reasonable care should
14 be known, to be untrue or misleading;
- 15 (2) Causing or allowing a customer to sign any work order
16 that does not state the repairs requested by the
17 customer or the automobile's odometer reading at the
18 time of repair;
- 19 (3) Failing or refusing to give to a customer a copy of
20 any document requiring the customer's signature, as
21 soon as the customer signs the document;



- 1 (4) Any other conduct that constitutes fraud;
- 2 (5) Conduct constituting gross negligence;
- 3 (6) Failure to comply with this chapter or rules adopted
- 4 pursuant to it;
- 5 (7) Any wilful departure from or disregard of accepted
- 6 practices or professional standards;
- 7 (8) Making false promises of a character likely to
- 8 influence, persuade, or induce a customer to authorize
- 9 the repair, service, or maintenance of a motor
- 10 vehicle;
- 11 (9) Having repair work subcontracted without the knowledge
- 12 or consent of the customer unless the motor vehicle
- 13 repair dealer, mechanic, or apprentice demonstrates
- 14 that the customer could not reasonably have been
- 15 notified;
- 16 (10) Conducting the business of motor vehicle repair in a
- 17 place other than stated on the license except that
- 18 mobile repair facilities may be permitted if the
- 19 license so indicates;
- 20 (11) Rebuilding or restoring of rebuilt vehicles as defined
- 21 in section 286-2 in ~~[such]~~ a manner that ~~[it]~~ does not



- 1 conform to the original vehicle manufacturer's
2 established repair procedures or specifications and
3 allowable tolerances for the particular model and
4 year;
- 5 (12) Subcontracting, recommending, or referring motor
6 vehicle repair work to, or in any way assisting, a
7 motor vehicle repair dealer or mechanic whose license
8 or certification is not in full compliance with this
9 chapter;
- 10 (13) Failure to directly supervise a motor vehicle mechanic
11 apprentice/trainee or motor vehicle mechanic helper;
- 12 (14) Servicing mobile air conditioners without using
13 refrigerant recovery and recycling equipment that is
14 certified by Underwriters Laboratories, Incorporated
15 or was in use by the motor vehicle repair industry
16 [~~prior to~~] before December 31, 1989;
- 17 (15) Performing service on any motor vehicle or mobile air
18 conditioner after January 1, 1994, without successful
19 completion of an appropriate training course in the
20 recovery and recycling of CFC and HCFC refrigerants,
21 which included instruction in the proper use of



1 refrigerant recovery and recycling equipment that is
2 certified by Underwriters Laboratories, Incorporated;
3 [~~and~~]

4 (16) Violating chapter 342C[-]; and

5 (17) Repairing or installing a muffler or exhaust system
6 that fails to comply with section 291-24 or 291-24.5,
7 as applicable."

8 SECTION 6. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
9 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
10 begun before its effective date.

11 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 1216

Report Title:

Mufflers; Exhaust System; Motorcycle; Moped; Motor Vehicle;
Certificate of Inspection; Motor Vehicle Repair; Penalties

Description:

Conditions the issuance of a certificate of inspection upon a vehicle not being equipped with a noisy muffler or exhaust system. Requires rules regarding safety check inspections to ensure that a motorcycle, moped, or motor vehicle is not equipped with a noisy muffler or exhaust system. Suspends, revokes, or refuses renewal of a permit for an official inspection station upon a third or subsequent wilful violation of any rule regarding inspecting a noisy muffler or exhaust system. Increases the maximum fine for motorcycle and moped owners that violate noisy muffler laws. Includes repairing or installing a noisy muffler or exhaust system as a prohibited practice for motor vehicle repair laws.

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