ACT 193

H.B.NO.1640

A Bill for an Act Relating to an Exemption Under the Motor Carrier Law.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 271-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding two new paragraphs to be appropriately numbered and to read as follows:

"Sec. 271-5 Exemptions, generally. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, its contents, except for the power of the public utilities commission to regulate safety of operations as provided for in section 271-9(a)(1), (2), (3), and (6), shall not apply to:

- (1) Persons transporting their own property where the transportation is in furtherance of a primary business purpose or enterprise of that person, except where the transportation is undertaken by a motor carrier to evade the regulatory purposes of this chapter.
- (2) Persons operating motor vehicles when engaged in the transportation of school children and teachers to and from school, and to and from school functions; provided, that these persons may engage in providing transportation at special rates for groups of persons belonging to an eleemosynary or benevolent organization or association domiciled in this State where the organization or association sponsors or is conducting a nonregular excursion, provided that whenever the persons engage in the transportation of persons other than

those exempted in this paragraph, that portion of their operation shall not be exempt from the provisions contained in this chapter. Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize any person to engage in the transportation of persons, other than the transportation of persons exempted by the terms of this paragraph, without a permit or a certificate issued by the commission authorizing such transportation.

- (3) Persons operating taxicabs or other motor vehicles utilized in performing a bona fide metered taxicab service. "Taxicab" means and includes:
  - (A) Any motor vehicle used in the movement of passengers on the public highways under the following circumstances, namely the passenger hires the vehicle on call or at a fixed stand, with or without baggage for transportation, and controls the vehicle to the passenger's destination; and
  - (B) Any motor vehicle having seating accommodations for eight or less passengers used in the movement of passengers on the public highways between a terminal, i.e., a fixed stand, in the city of Honolulu, as defined in section 70-1, and a terminal in a geographical district outside the limits of the city of Honolulu, and vice versa, without picking up passengers other than at the terminals or fixed stands; provided that passengers may be picked up by telephone call from their homes in the rural area or may be unloaded at any point between the fixed stands or may be delivered to their homes in the rural area.
- (4) Persons operating motor vehicles in the transportation of persons pursuant to a franchise from the legislature and whose operations are presently regulated under chapter 269.
- (5) Nonprofit agricultural cooperative associations to the extent that they engage in the transportation of their own property or the property of their members.
- (6) Persons operating motor vehicles specially constructed for the towing of disabled or wrecked vehicles but not otherwise used in the transportation of property for compensation or hire.
- (7) Persons operating motor vehicles in the transportation of mail, newspapers, periodicals, magazines, messages, documents, letters or blueprints.
- (8) Persons operating funeral cars or ambulances.
- (9) Persons operating motor vehicles in the transportation of garbage or refuse.
- (10) Persons operating the type of passenger carrying motor vehicles known as "sampan buses" within the radius of twenty miles from the city of Hilo, Hawaii.
- (11) Persons transporting unprocessed pineapple to a cannery and returning any containers used in such transportation to the fields.
- (12) Sugar plantations transporting sugar cane, raw sugar, molasses, sugar by-products, and farming supplies for neighboring farmers pur-

suant to contracts administered by the United States Department of Agriculture.

- (13) Persons engaged in the ranching or meat or feed business who transport cattle to slaughterhouses for hire where such transportation is their sole transportation for hire and where their earnings from the transportation constitute less than fifty per cent of their gross income from their business and the transportation for hire.
- (14) Persons transporting unprocessed raw milk to processing plants and returning any containers used in such transportation to dairy farms for reloading.
- (15) Persons transporting animal feeds to animal husbandry farmers and farming supplies directly to animal husbandry farmers and returning any containers used in such transportation to these sources of such feeds and supplies for reloading."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.\*

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. (Approved May 24, 1973.)

<sup>\*</sup>Edited accordingly.