

ACT 291

H.B. NO. 2275-84

A Bill for an Act Relating to Motor Vehicle Safety.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 291 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§291- Regulation of bumper height. Maximum bumper heights of motor vehicles shall be determined by the weight category of gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) as measured from a level surface to the highest point on the bottom of the bumper. Maximum heights are as follows:

Gross Vehicle Weight Rating	Front	Rear
4,500 lbs. and under	22 inches	22 inches
4,501 lbs. to 7,500 lbs.	24 inches	26 inches
7,501 lbs. to 10,000 lbs.	28 inches	30 inches

For any vehicle with bumpers or attaching components which have been modified or altered from the original manufacturer’s design to conform with the maximum bumper height requirements of this section, the bumper height shall be measured from a level surface to the bottom of the vehicle frame rail where the original bumper brackets were installed. This section shall not apply to

motor vehicles which, at manufacture, have a bumper height in excess of that provided in this section. "Bumper", for purposes of this section means a horizontal load bearing protective system installed on a motor vehicle which is constructed of sturdy materials that will not shatter or split upon moderate impact and provide adequate protection against damages to the front and rear external lighting and reflective devices, hood, trunk, doors, painted surfaces, cooling system, exhaust system, and other components during a low speed impact."

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1985.

(Approved June 12, 1984.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.