

ACT 279

S.B. NO. 241

A Bill for an Act Relating to Motor Vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Section 286-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsections (k) and (l) to read as follows:

“(k) Whenever the registered owner of any motor vehicle or any licensed dealer has given notice to the director of finance of a transfer of the title or interest in the motor vehicle, as provided in subsection (i) or (j) [of this section], and has delivered the certificate of ownership bearing the transferor’s signature to the transferee as required by subsection (a) [of this section], the transferor shall be relieved from any liability, civil or criminal, from the date the transferor delivers the motor vehicle into the transferee’s

possession, which the transferor might otherwise subsequently incur by reason [only] solely of being the registered owner of the vehicle.

(1) A licensed dealer who has forwarded a properly indorsed certificate of ownership and certificate of registration to the director of finance shall be relieved of any civil liability, from the date the transferor delivers the motor vehicle into the transferee's possession, which the transferor might otherwise subsequently incur by reason solely of being the registered owner of the vehicle; provided that a specific written authorization to forward the certificates has been obtained from the transferee."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 24, 1987.)