

A Bill for an Act Relating to Motor Vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Section 249-9.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows:

1. By amending subsection (a) to read:

“(a) In lieu of the number plates contracted on behalf of the counties by the director of finance of the city and county of Honolulu, the county directors of finance shall issue special number plates to any organization in the State that meets the minimum standards and qualifications established under this section. Organizations are authorized to retain the fees collected, less expenses, for the special number plates.

The director of finance of the city and county of Honolulu, in consultation with the directors of finance of the counties of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii, shall establish special design parameters and restrictions on¹ decals or graphic representations affixable to special number plates; provided that the decal shall not be larger than [two and one-half] three inches wide by three inches high.”

2. By amending subsection (b) to read:

“(b) For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“Director” unless indicated otherwise by its context, means the county directors of finance.

“Organization” means [an organization of at least one hundred members in good standing that is]:

- (1) A not-for-profit organization recognized as such by the Internal Revenue Service and whose primary purpose is to provide the community with specific programs to improve the public’s health, education, or general welfare;
- (2) A military service veterans group; or
- (3) A state or county agency approved by the director[. Any² organization includes any]; or
- (4) Any school or accredited institution of higher learning or a college or recognized program thereof.

“Special number plate” means a license plate with a decal on its face that represents an organization as defined in this section.”

3. By amending subsection (d) to read:

“(d) An organization shall apply for a special number plate with the director on an application form prescribed by the director. The application shall include:

- (1) A design of the organization’s decal;
- (2) A signed notarized statement by an officer or director of the organization that the organization will acquire at least one hundred fifty special number plates; and
- (3) The dollar amount the organization plans to raise from each special number plate.

The director shall determine, based on criteria in this section, and the director’s discretion, whether an organization’s application has been accepted or rejected. The director shall also seek the approval of an organization’s decal design from the county chief of police where the application is made.

If the director rejects an application, the director shall state the reasons for the rejection in writing and shall allow the applicant to reapply within a reasonable period after the rejection.

After an organization's application has been approved, [members of the organization] a motor vehicle owner may apply for the organization's special number plate. The director may require [proof of membership of an organization's members in addition to] the completion of a form as prescribed by the director. Special number plates shall be issued only to the registered owner of an applicant motor vehicle."

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 April 6, 2000.)

Notes

1. Prior to amendment "for" appeared here.
2. Prior to amendment "an" appeared here.