

## ACT 35

S.B. NO. 3117

A Bill for an Act Relating to Motor Vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Section 286-44, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) The chief of police of each county or officers of the county police who are permanently assigned to conduct vehicle theft investigations may immediately inspect, during normal business hours or whenever the dealer or dealer’s agents or employees are otherwise present, any records required by [chapters] chapter 286, 289, or 445 and any articles described in such records that the police reasonably believe are stolen goods, limited to the purpose of establishing rightful title or registration of vehicles or identifiable vehicle components in order to determine rightful ownership or possession, on the premises of:

- (1) Any motor vehicle repair dealer required to be [registered] licensed under chapter 437B; or
- (2) Any person licensed pursuant to sections 289-2 and 289-3 to engage in the business of purchasing or selling used motor vehicle parts or accessories, or wrecking, salvaging, or dismantling motor vehicles for the purpose of reselling the parts or accessories thereof.

As used in this section, “identifiable vehicle component” means any component of a motor vehicle, including motor block or part that can be distinguished from other similar components by a serial number or other unique distinguishing number, sign, or symbol. Whenever possible, inspections conducted pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted at a time and in a manner so as to minimize any interference with, or delay of, business operations.”

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**SECTION 2.** This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

**SECTION 3.** Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

**SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 20, 2000.)