

ACT 47

S.B. NO. 233

A Bill for an Act Relating to Motor Vehicle Registration.

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

SECTION 1. Section 286-41(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires that every owner of a motor vehicle which is to be operated upon the public highways shall apply to the director of finance of the county where the vehicle is to be operated, for the registration thereof. Section 286-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, allows the county director of finance to enter into a contract with new car dealerships and motor vehicle rental companies for the registration of new motor vehicles.

The legislature finds that the registration of used cars or previously owned vehicles is the responsibility of the individual buyer, whereas the registration of new cars is commonly undertaken by the dealership. The legislature further finds that used car dealerships and rental car companies are increasing their sales of used cars in response to growing consumer demand. The legislature further finds

that car dealers and rental car companies should be able to register used cars when the cars are sold to the same extent as new car dealers and motor vehicle rental companies.

The purpose of this Act is to allow the respective county directors of finance to enter into contracts with car dealerships and motor vehicle rental companies to register used cars.

SECTION 2. Section 286-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) Every owner of a motor vehicle which is to be operated upon the public highways shall, for each vehicle owned, except as herein otherwise provided[,] and except as provided in section 286-42(c), apply to the director of finance of the county where the vehicle is to be operated, for the registration thereof. If a vehicle is moved to another county and is to be operated upon the public highways of that county, the existing certificate of registration shall be valid until its expiration date, at which time the owner shall apply to the director of finance of the county in which the vehicle is then located for the registration of the vehicle, whether or not the owner is domiciled in the county or the owner’s principal place of business is in that county, except that this provision shall not apply to vehicles which are temporarily transferred to another county for a period of not more than three months.”

SECTION 3. Section 286-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) The director of finance may enter into a contract with ~~[new]~~ car dealerships and motor vehicle rental companies for the registration of new and used motor vehicles consistent with any statute, ordinance, or provision of any applicable collective bargaining agreement. The director of finance may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 as may be necessary for the application, bonding, and procedural requirements of ~~[such]~~ the contractor.”

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

(Approved May 6, 2015.)