

ACT 144

H.B. NO. 541

A Bill for an Act Relating to Vehicle Safety.

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

SECTION 1. Section 286-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows:

1. By amending subsection (e) to read:

“(e) Upon application for a certificate of inspection to be issued for a vehicle or moped, an inspection as prescribed by the director under subsection (g) shall be conducted on the vehicle or moped, and if the vehicle or moped is found to be in a safe operating condition, including adhering to head lamp requirements and specifications pursuant to section 291-25(a), as applicable, a certificate of inspection shall be issued upon payment of a fee to be determined by the director. The certificate shall state the effective date, the termination date, the

name of the issuing insurance carrier, and the policy number of the motor vehicle insurance identification card for the inspected motor vehicle as specified by section 431:10C-107 or state the information contained in the proof of insurance card as specified by section 431:10G-106. A sticker, authorized by the director, shall be affixed to the vehicle or moped at the time a certificate of inspection is issued. An inspection sticker which has been lost, stolen, or destroyed shall be replaced without reinspection by the inspection station that issued the original inspection sticker upon presentation of the current certificate of inspection; provided that the current certificate of inspection and inspection sticker shall not have expired at the time the replacement is requested. The director shall adopt rules to determine the fee for replacement of lost, stolen, or destroyed inspection stickers.”

2. By amending subsection (g) to read:

“(g) The director of transportation shall adopt necessary rules for the administration of inspections and the issuance of certificates of inspection[-]; provided that the rules shall include head lamp requirements that adhere to the specifications pursuant to section 291-25(a), as applicable.”

SECTION 2. The department of transportation shall amend its rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to require the owner of a motor vehicle whose motor vehicle registration and safety check are both expired to:

- (1) Obtain a certificate of inspection pursuant to section 286-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, without having to furnish evidence of a motor vehicle registration; and
- (2) After obtaining the certificate of inspection, register the motor vehicle.

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

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

(Approved June 29, 2023.)