

ACT 238

S.B. NO. 497

A Bill for an Act Relating to Commercial Vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§291C- Oversized commercial vehicles; prohibition from using left lane. (a) Upon any roadway having three or more lanes for traffic moving in the same direction, no commercial vehicle weighing ten thousand pounds or more shall be driven in the far left lane unless:

- (1) The commercial vehicle is able to maintain speed with existing traffic flow; and
- (2) The commercial vehicle is in the process of overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction under the rules governing such movement.

(b) This section shall not apply to commercial vehicles occupying the left lane for the purpose of turning left or exiting, or preparing to turn left or exit.

(c) For the purposes of this section, “commercial vehicle” shall have the same meaning as in section 291-11.5. “Commercial vehicle” does not include buses or van pools operated by the counties.”

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

(Approved July 6, 2023.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.