

Q — What is the fine for someone driving a car without no-fault insurance? I have read a lot of complaints about people not having the insurance, and it doesn't seem that police are doing anything about it.

A — A tightening of the no-fault law is scheduled to take effect Sept. 1, said the head of the state motor vehicle insurance division.

He described a four-prong attack, aimed at the 10 to 15 per cent of Hawaii's motorists who are uninsured. Of the 500,000 vehicles registered in this state, an estimated 50,000 to 75,000 are not insured at present.

Concerned about the increase in the percentage of uninsured motorists, the state Legislature tightened the law and its enforcement, explained the state no-fault chief.

Starting Sept. 1, when a police officer stops a motorist, the officer is to ask to see both the driver's license and the no-fault identification card which should be carried in the vehicle at all times. Said the insurance chief, any driver who cannot produce the no-fault card draws an automatic citation.

He said that before Sept. 1, insurance companies are to send new no-fault ID cards to their policyholders, and the new cards must show the expiration date of the coverage.

The third prong of the attack comes when the operator of a motor vehicle is found guilty of not having insurance. That driver may be fined up to \$1,000, jailed for up to 30 days or both. But the key part, said the insurance chief is a provision that a judge must fine the guilty driver a minimum of \$100 and no part of that amount can be suspended.

Final tightening of the no-fault law will come at the time of driver examination, vehicle registration and safety inspection. The state official said before a vehicle can be registered, there must be a current safety inspection. And before an inspection can be done, the inspector must see the no-fault card for the vehicle, a card complete with expiration date of the coverage. A no-fault card also will be checked when a person goes to be tested for a driver's license.

Q — The Outrigger Canoe Club has pilings in the water to pre-

vent sand from moving from the beach. Is this legal?

A — Yes, said a state official.

The Outrigger in 1968 received a permit to put in the pilings to stem the flow of sand from the beach.

Q — A boat anchored at San Souci, amidst protests from many people. The boat owner stayed right there and cleaned off the scum collected in Ala Wai Boat Harbor. Another boat also anchored off San Souci Beach. How can we keep them out of this restricted area?

A — The acting chief of the state water transportation division said that according to a report on the matter, the boats were not in a restricted area.

Restricted waters extend only to the ewa side of the Natatorium, said the water transportation official.

However, the state is about ready to call a public hearing on a proposal to extend the power boat restriction past the Elks Club.

When boats are in restricted waters, two things should be done right away, advised the state official. Jot down the boat numbers, if possible, and call Aloha Tower to report the incident. An employee will be alerted to try to observe the violation and issue a citation if warranted.

Auwe

"Auwe to the manager of a pizza parlor for his verbal abuse and gutter language. He ruined an infrequent evening out for our family. May he learn to deal with customers or choke on an anchovy."

Mahalo

"My sincere appreciation to Mrs. June Boranian for her kindness in rescuing my 3-year-old son and me after we had car trouble on the H-1. The shoulder of a freeway is no place for a youngster, and Mrs. Boranian went out of her way to get us away from there."

Mahalo

"Mahalo to the person or persons who turned in a wedding ring at Hanauma Bay concession stand. We had left our name and address there, and the ring was returned to us. Many, many thanks."