

Department of Consumer Affairs
Bureau of Automotive Repair

Legislation and Regulations Update

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BAR Advisory Group Meeting
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Legislation

- AB 873: Automotive Repair
- AB 1222: Tow Trucks
- SB 40: Vehicle Rebates
- SB 206: On-Board Diagnostic Systems

AB 873 (Jones) Automotive Repair

- Status: Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee
- Date of Hearing: None scheduled
- Summary: Removes current exemption from ARD registration for certain repairs and requires BAR to adopt regulations defining “minor” automotive repair services that are exempt.
- Public workshop held following April 22 BAG meeting.

AB 1222 (Bloom) Tow Trucks

- Status: Referred to Senate Appropriations (recommended for Consent Calendar)
- Date of Hearing: August 17, 2015
- Summary:
 - Requires tow trucks to possess specified information when responding to an accident.
 - Requires written itemized estimates and invoices.
 - Requires consumer consent to exceed estimated price.
 - Provides BAR access to certain information maintained by businesses that take possession of vehicles from tow trucks.

SB 40 (Gaines) Vehicle Rebates

- Status: Senate Transportation and Housing
- Date of Hearing: None scheduled
- Summary: Provides criteria for rebates under ARB's Clean Vehicle Rebate Program, which is designed to promote the purchase of vehicles relying on sustainable energy.

SB 206 (Gaines) On-Board Diagnostic Systems

- Status: Senate Appropriations – Held on suspense
- Date of Hearing: None scheduled
- Summary: Prohibits ARB from obtaining locational data from a vehicle information system.

Regulations

- Disciplinary Guidelines
- Bureau-Certified Institutions and Instructors
- Windshield Replacement Standards
- Mobile ARD Advertising
- Electronic Documents and Authorizations
- STAR Regulations Clean-up
- Brake and Lamp Handbooks Updates

Disciplinary Guidelines

- Purpose: To (1) apply enforcement authority to licenses re-designated as a result of BAR's 2012 license restructure; (2) add or amend statutory violations and factors which aggravate or mitigate discipline; and (3) provide a new probationary registration process.
- Status: Under formal review at DCA
- Next step: File with OAL

Bureau-Certified Institutions and Instructors

- Purpose: To update the requirements for certified institutions and instructors in order to create consistency with current Smog Check Program licensing requirements, along with other clarifying amendments.
- Status: Under formal review at DCA
- Next step: File with OAL

Windshield Replacement Standards

- Purpose: To establish standards for the installation of replacement windshields.
- Status: Under formal review at DCA
- Next step: File with OAL

Mobile ARD Advertising

- Purpose: To establish advertising standards for mobile automotive repair dealers.
- Status: Under formal review at DCA
- Next step: File with OAL

Electronic Documents and Authorizations

- Purpose: To (1) allow for electronic authorization and transmission of repair transaction documents; and (2) reorganize and clarify written estimate, work order, and invoice regulations.
- Status: Public workshop following July 23 BAG meeting
- Next step: Begin informal review at DCA

STAR Regulations Clean-Up

- Purpose: To (1) remove outdated Gold Shield Program provisions; (2) amend STAR eligibility criteria; and (3) update STAR invalidation process.
- Status: Under informal review at DCA
- Next step: Begin formal review at DCA

Brake and Lamp Handbooks Updates

- Purpose: To update BAR handbooks for brake and lamp adjusters and stations.
- Status:
 - Filed Section 100 with OAL that adopts minor changes.
 - More substantive changes under development at BAR
- Next step: Begin informal review at DCA

Public Workshop

ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

Today from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- Department of Consumer Affairs HQ2 (Hearing Room 186)
- Webcast available at:
<http://www.dca.ca.gov/stream/audiocast.asx>

Questions and Comments

Submit additional questions and/or comments to:

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