
AB 471 UPDATE

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

BAR

Bureau of Automotive Repair

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AB 471 (LOW, CHAPTER 372, STATUTES OF 2021)

- Signed into law by Governor on September 28, 2021
- No sooner than July 1, 2023, creates a 3-member panel for informal review of ARD citations
- Creates a remedial training process and certification program for remedial training providers
- Creates a vehicle safety systems inspection and certification program by January 1, 2024
- Requires recognition of educational certifications on the ARD application

ARD CITATION PROGRAM

- As required by AB 471, this new program:
 - Establishes a citation program for violations of the Automotive Repair Act by ARDs
 - Creates an informal appeal process for ARD citations
 - Includes a 3-member panel to review informal appeals; the panel will consist of a representative from BAR, industry, and public
- BAR held 3 public workshops on this program, including the latest in January 2022
- This regulation package was filed with OAL on September 23, 2022

REMEDIAL TRAINING & PROVIDER CERTIFICATION

- As required by AB 471, this new training program will:
 - Create a remedial training program to prevent disclosure of an ARD citation for a violation BAR deems to be minor in nature, but only once every 18 months
 - Establish the required content for the remedial training course
 - Develop a certification process for remedial training providers
- BAR held a public workshop on this program in March 2022
- The regulations for this program were combined with the ARD citation regulations, and were filed with OAL on September 23, 2022

VEHICLE SAFETY SYSTEMS INSPECTION PROGRAM

- As required by AB 471, this new inspection program will:
 - Combine the Lamp and Brake inspection programs into one program
 - Allow BAR to add other vehicle systems for inspection
 - Move BAR from a paper to an electronic certificate of compliance for these inspections
- BAR held public workshops on this program in April and July 2022
- Currently working with DCA Legal to finalize regulation text and the Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection Manual

ARD APPLICATION / EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- As required by AB 471, this regulation package will:
 - Detail additional information required on the ARD application (e.g., email address)
 - Create a process for BAR to accept and connect educational and professional certifications to BAR-issued ARD registrations
- Currently working to determine how to best link all newly required information to BAR's Auto Shop Locator
- BAR held a public workshop on the proposed regulation text in April 2022
- The regulation text and forwarding documents are completed and submitted for DCA Director approval

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Submit questions and/or comments to:

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