
LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS UPDATE

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

BAR

Bureau of Automotive Repair

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IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE DATES

- **January 1, 2023** – Chaptered 2022 bills took effect
- **January 2, 2023** – Legislature reconvened

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2022 CHAPTERED BILLS

- AB 1740 (Murtasuchi): Core Recycler Record Keeping Requirements (Chapter 513, Statutes of 2022)
- AB 2496 (Petrie-Norris): Vehicle Exhaust Systems (Chapter 595, Statutes of 2022)
- SB 1087 (Gonzalez): Prohibited Purchases of Catalytic Converters (Chapter 514, Statutes of 2022)

PENDING BAR REGULATION PROPOSALS

- Smog Check Inspection Equipment and Station Requirements (DAD Specification Update)
- Citation and Remedial Training Programs for Automotive Repair Dealers*
- Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Application Requirements*
- Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection Program*

* AB 471 (Low, Chapter 372, Statutes of 2021)

SMOG CHECK EQUIPMENT AND STATION REQUIREMENTS (DAD SPECIFICATION UPDATE)

- Purpose: (1) Replace the current OBD Data Acquisition Device (DAD) specification with a more comprehensive and updated version to provide additional tools to combat Smog Check fraud. (2) Allow the DAD to communicate with new vehicles that use a communication protocol not supported by the current generation of DADs.
- Status: BAR is working with DCA Legal to prepare the package for the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (Agency) approval.
- Next Steps: Submit to Agency for review and approval.

CITATION AND REMEDIAL TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR DEALERS (1 OF 2)

- Purpose:
 - Expand BAR's citation program to cover ARD violations of the Automotive Repair Act.
 - Specify the process for an ARD to contest a citation and request its review by a 3-member (BAR-consumer-industry) panel.
 - Establish a process for certification of remedial training providers.
 - Establish a process for ARD's to obtain remedial training to prevent certain citations from being posted on the BAR website.

CITATION AND REMEDIAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR DEALERS (2 OF 2)

- History: Public workshops held on January 27, 2022 and April 22, 2022.
- Status: 45-day public comment period ended on November 21, 2022. 15-day extension of the public comment period ended on January 23, 2023.
- Next Steps: Finalize the Final Statement of Reasons and file with the Office of Administrative Law.

AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR DEALER REGISTRATION APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Purpose: (1) Define “nationally recognized and industry-accepted educational certifications.” (2) Establish a process for Bureau review and approval of educational certifications that do not meet this definition. (3) Establish a process for recognizing educational certifications on the ARD application. (4) Require ARD applicants to provide an email address.
- Status: 45-day public comment period ended December 27, 2022. 15-day extension of the public comment period will end on January 28, 2023.
- Next Steps: Finalize the Final Statement of Reasons and file with the Office of Administrative Law.

VEHICLE SAFETY SYSTEMS INSPECTION PROGRAM

- Purpose: Creates a new Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection Program for salvage-titled vehicles, which does the following:
 - Establishes procedures and program requirements in a Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection Manual.
 - Creates license requirements for vehicle safety systems inspection/repair stations and technicians.
 - Sunsets the lamp and brake inspection programs six months after adoption of the regulations.
- History: Public workshops held on April 20, 2022 and July 21, 2022.
- Status: BAR is working with DCA Legal to prepare the package for Agency approval.
- Next Steps: Submit to Agency for review and approval.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Submit questions and/or comments to:

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