



Legislation and Regulation Update

BAR Advisory Group
Meeting

January 15, 2015

Legislation

- AB 1665 (Jones)
- Bills supporting members of the military

AB 1665 (Jones)

- Vetoed by Governor on September 30, 2014
- Would have, among other things, deleted repairing and changing tires from the list of “minor services” excluded from the definition of automotive repair.
- Governor’s veto message directed Bureau to “work with interested parties to determine which, if any, automotive repair services merit further regulation.”
- Bureau will begin conversations with industry stakeholders on definition of minor services

Legislation supporting military personnel, veterans, and their spouses/domestic partners

- Recently chaptered legislation requires Bureau to:
 - ask in each licensing application whether applicant is serving in, or has previously served in, the military
 - provide expedited processing of license applications for spouses of active duty members
 - BAR provides expedited processing of licensing applications by specially-trained staff for both spouses of active personnel and military veterans
 - waive fees, continuing education, and other license renewal requirements for military personnel called to active duty
 - BAR exceeds this standard in its current procedures
- For more information on these services, visit the *Industry* page at www.bar.ca.gov.

Regulations

- Disciplinary Guidelines
- Certified Schools and Instructors
- Mobile ARD Advertising
- Written Estimates

Disciplinary Guidelines

- Update Guidelines to:
 - Incorporate legislative and regulatory changes that have occurred since last revision in May 1997
 - Specify BAR's jurisdiction and enforcement over Smog Check Station licenses
 - Specify BAR's continued jurisdiction and enforcement over technicians when changing to new license types
 - Define BAR's statutory authority to issue probationary registrations or licenses
 - Establish more appropriate probation terms for specified violations

Disciplinary Guidelines

- Under Departmental review
- Adoption goal of July 1, 2015

Certified Schools and Instructors

- Refine certification criteria for schools and instructors
- Update training standards to reflect current processes
- Recognize certification for non-technical training

Certified Schools and Instructors

- Following review by Department, regulation underwent further revisions.
- Final version of regulation is drafted and near the end of internal review at BAR
- Adoption goal of October 1, 2015

Mobile ARD Advertising

- Add section to regulations establishing advertising standards for mobile automotive repair dealers
- Define and exempt emergency roadside services such as AAA
- Public workshop held October 30, 2014
- Text is drafted and under internal review at BAR
- Adoption goal of October 1, 2015

Written Estimates

- Public workshop held July 9, 2014
- Regulation began as effort to permit transmission of initial estimate by electronic means (email and fax)
- After receiving feedback through Departmental review, Bureau expanded goals of regulation to include clarification and clean up of Article 7 (defines procedures for written estimates, work orders, and invoices)

Written Estimates

- Text in development at BAR
- Adoption goal of January 1, 2016