

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
- AB 1474: Community Colleges Technical Education
- SB 206: On-Board Diagnostic Systems

AB 873 (Jones) Automotive Repair

- Location: Assembly Committee on Business and Professions
- Date of Hearing: April 21, 2015
- Summary: Requires BAR to adopt, by January 1, 2017, regulations defining “minor” automotive repair services, which do not require regulatory oversight. Beginning January 1, 2017, deletes all services currently listed under BPC §9880.1. Excludes “roadside services.”
- Public workshop to be held following BAG meeting.

AB 1222 (Bloom) Tow Trucks

- Location: Assembly Committee on Transportation
- Date of Hearing: April 27, 2015
- Summary:
 - Provides for local regulation of the licensing of tow truck owners and operators and for impoundment of tow trucks operated in violation of regulations
 - Requires written itemized estimates and invoices which include specified information
 - Provides no charge shall be made in excess of estimated price without prior written consent of vehicle owner or operator.
 - Requires tow truck owner or operator to maintain required estimates and invoices for three years and make them available for inspection upon written request by BAR and other specified entities

AB 1474 (Chávez) Community Colleges Technical Education

- Location: Assembly Committee on Higher Education
- Date of Hearing: None scheduled
- Summary: Enacts Community College Career Technical Education Bond Act, which, if adopted by voters at November 8, 2016 statewide general election, would authorize issuance of bonds in amount of \$500 million to finance a community college career technical education bond program. Regional grantees must demonstrate local employment need.

SB 206 (Gaines) On-Board Diagnostic Systems

- Location: Senate Judiciary Committee. Passed out of Senate Committee on Environmental Quality on April 15.
- Date of Hearing: April 28, 2015
- Summary: Prohibits Air Resources Board from obtaining locational data or vehicle speed data from a vehicle information system.

Regulations

- Disciplinary Guidelines
- Bureau-certified institutions and instructors
- Windshield replacement standards
- Registration and licensing application updates
- Mobile ARD advertising
- Electronic documents and authorizations
- STAR regulations clean-up

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 punishment, as compared to the last incorporated Disciplinary Guidelines; and (3) provide a new probationary registration process.
- Status: Pending formal review by DCA's Division of Legislation and Regulatory Review (LRR).

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: Informal review by DCA Legal in progress.

Windshield Replacement Standards

- Purpose: To establish standards for the installation of replacement windshields.
- Status: Informal review by DCA Legal in progress.

Registration and Licensing Application Updates

- Purpose: To update registration and licensing applications.
- Status:
 - Section 100 to update contact information and revision dates on applications was approved by OAL; effective 4/8/15.
 - In progress at BAR:
 - Changes reflecting recently chaptered laws supporting military veterans
 - Comprehensive revisions to make licensing applications easier to use and understand

Mobile ARD Advertising

- Purpose: To establish advertising standards for mobile automotive repair dealers.
- Status: Informal review by DCA Legal in progress.

Electronic Documents and Authorizations

- Purpose: To (1) allow for electronic transmission and authorization of estimates and (2) reorganize and clarify written estimate, work order, and invoice regulations.
- Status:
 - Internal drafting and review at BAR
 - Goal date for submittal to DCA: May 1, 2015

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:
 - Internal drafting and review at BAR
 - Goal date for submittal to DCA: June 1, 2015

Public Workshop

REVIEW OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR ACT, CHANGES IN AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY, AND EXEMPTIONS FROM THE DEFINITION OF “REPAIR”

- 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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