

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 550: Smog Check Exemption
- AB 873: Automotive Repair
- SB 778: Oil Changes

AB 550 (Waldron) Smog Check Exemption

- Status: Assembly Transportation Committee; Amended 1/4/16
- Date of hearing: None scheduled
- Summary:
 - Provides a rolling exemption from Smog Check requirements for owners of vehicles that are 30 model years and older and meet other specified criteria.
 - Requires owners of eligible vehicles to pay a \$200 smog abatement fee to obtain the exemption.

AB 873 (Jones) Automotive Repair

- Status: Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development
- 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.

SB 778 (Allen) Oil Changes

- Status: Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development
- Date of Hearing: January 11, 2016
- Summary:
 - Seeks to reduce oil waste by requiring ARDs to notify oil change customers of the oil drain interval, oil grade, and viscosity specified in the vehicle owner's manual.
 - Provides if an ARD makes a recommendation to the customer regarding the oil change interval, they follow the owner's manual, unless the customer chooses a different oil than the one specified in the manual.

Pending BAR 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: Public hearing held on January 8, 2016
- Next Step: 15 day re-notice period for updated ISOR and minor, clarifying changes to regulation text

Bureau-Certified Institutions and Instructors

- Purpose: To update the requirements for certification of Smog Check training providers in order to create consistency with current licensing requirements, along with other clarifying amendments
- Status: Under formal review at DCA
- Next Step: Agency review

Windshield Replacement Standards

- Purpose: To establish standards for the installation of replacement windshields
- Status: Filed with OAL on November 23, 2015
- Next step: Public hearing scheduled for January 19, 2016

Mobile ARD Advertising

- Purpose: To establish advertising standards for mobile automotive repair dealers
- Status: Filed with OAL on January 12, 2016
- Next step: Public hearing scheduled for March 14, 2016

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 provisions
- Status: Finalizing regulation at BAR based on comments at public workshop on October 21, 2015
- Next Step: Begin informal review at DCA

STAR Regulations Clean-Up

- Purpose: To (1) delete outdated Gold Shield Program provisions; (2) amend STAR eligibility criteria; and (3) revise STAR suspension process to be consistent with statutes
- Status: Under informal review at DCA
- Next Step: Begin formal review at DCA

Brake and Lamp Handbooks Updates

- Purpose: To update BAR handbooks for licensed 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

Upcoming Public Hearings

- **Windshield Replacement Standards**
 - January 19, 2016 at 10:00am
- **Mobile ARD Advertising**
 - March 14, 2016 at 10:00am

Location:

- Bureau of Automotive Repair HQ - Hearing Room
- Webcast available at:

<http://www.dca.ca.gov/publications/multimedia/webcast.shtml>

Questions and Comments

Submit additional questions and/or comments to:

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