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
Questions and Comments

Submit additional questions and/or comments to:

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