

# Legislation and regulations update

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# Important legislative dates

- October 12, 2025 – Last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills
- January 1, 2026 – Statutes take effect

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# 2025 legislative bills (1 of 2)

- Signed bills
  - AB 987 (Sharp-Collins): Vehicle Storage and Towing
- Enrolled bills
  - SB 774 (Ashby): Citation and Remedial Training Programs
  - SB 861 (Senate BPED Committee): Business and Professions Code Technical Cleanup

# 2025 legislative bills (2 of 2)

- Bills that died in committee
  - AB 1368 (Wallis): Smog Check Exemption
  - SB 615 (Allen): Vehicle Traction Batteries
  - SB 712 (Grove): Smog Check Exemption for Collector Motor Vehicles

# AB 987 (Sharp-Collins): Vehicle Storage and Towing

- Status: Approved by the Governor and filed with the Secretary of State on October 6, 2025.
- Summary: Existing law requires that storage and towing fees be reasonable and enumerates a list of fees that are presumptively unreasonable. This bill expands the list of presumptively unreasonable fees in Vehicle Code sections 10652.5 and 22524.5 to include, among other things, storage fees charged for state holidays that exceed the posted standard daily storage rate and towing fees charged when the owner or the operator of a tow truck is directed by a law enforcement officer to remove a vehicle at the scene of a state or local emergency.

# SB 774 (Ashby): Citation and Remedial Training Programs

- Status: Enrolled and presented to the Governor on September 23, 2025.
- Summary: This bill extends from January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2028, the sunset date of the statute that prevents disclosure on the Bureau's website of a citation for violating the Automotive Repair Act if the automotive repair dealer has taken remedial training from a Bureau-accepted training provider.

# SB 861 (Senate BPED Committee): Business and Professions Code Technical Cleanup

- Status: Enrolled and presented to the Governor on September 23, 2025.
- Summary: This bill updates cross-references to the Business and Professions Code that replaced provisions for licensure of lamp and brake adjusting stations and adjusters with provisions for licensure of vehicle safety systems inspection stations and technicians.

# Regulations adopted in 2025 (1 of 2)

- Technical Cleanup to Update Terminology: “Bureau-accepted Educational Certifications”
  - Adopted and effective on March 11, 2025
- Clarify Definitions and Update Cross-referenced Subsections
  - Adopted on February 6, 2025; effective on April 1, 2025
- Technical Cleanup to Update Code Sections
  - Adopted and effective on May 29, 2025



# Regulations adopted in 2025 (2 of 2)

- Tear Down Disclosure Requirements for Automotive Repair Dealers
  - Adopted on May 29, 2025; effective on July 1, 2025
- Smog Check Readiness Monitor Limits
  - Adopted on July 9, 2025; effective on October 1, 2025
- Mobile and Referral Service Automotive Repair Dealers (and Online Advertising)
  - Adopted on August 19, 2025; effective on October 1, 2025

# Pending regulation packages

- Storage Fees Charged by Automotive Repair Dealers
- Change of Address Requirements
- Biometric Device Updates

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# Storage Fees Charged by Automotive Repair Dealers (1 of 3)

- Purpose: Bring together existing laws governing storage from the Business and Professions, Civil, and Vehicle Codes under one unified regulatory section. The proposed regulations do the following:
  - Establish that fees charged for the storage of a motor vehicle shall be reasonable.
  - Determine when storage fees may be charged and where a vehicle may be stored.
  - Require that an ARD provide an itemized invoice for storage fees when charged.

# Storage Fees Charged by Automotive Repair Dealers (2 of 3)

- An ARD that provides storage services shall post their current daily storage fee rate in an area frequented by customers and provide the Bureau with their daily storage rate annually when renewing their registration.
- An ARD that provides towing services shall display the Towing and Storage Fees Access Notice in an area of the business facility that is in plain view of the public and have copies available to the public.
- Create a search tool on BAR's website showing average and median daily storage rates for a given locale based on the maximum daily storage rates reported by ARDs.
- Define a "locale" as one of four geographic radiuses around each reporting ARD that is sufficient to identify average and median storage rates.

# Storage Fees Charged by Automotive Repair Dealers (3 of 3)

- History: Public workshops held on April 25, July 18, October 17, 2024, and January 30, 2025.
- Status: Regulation package pending review by the Business, Consumer Services and Housing (BCSH) Agency.
- Next steps: Submit final regulation package to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) and begin the 45-day public comment period.

# Change of Address Requirements

- Purpose:
  - Remove inconsistencies in current regulations by clarifying timeframes for reporting material changes. Specifically, update the timeframe for notice of a change of address to 14 days and notice of other material changes to 30 days throughout the regulations.
  - Remove duplicative text and make minor grammatical changes for consistency and clarification.
- Status: Undergoing 45-day comment period from October 3 to November 17, 2025.
- Next steps: Submit final package to DCA Legal for approval to file with OAL for review and approval.

# Biometric Device Updates

- Purpose: Update the Smog Check Manual and Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection Manual to read “Fujitsu palm vein scanner sensor model FAT13FPS01 or newer...”
- Status: Regulation package pending review by BCSH Agency.
- Next steps: Submit final regulation package to OAL and begin the 45-day public comment period.

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