

TITLE 16. PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL REGULATIONS
Division 33
Chapter 1

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Biometric Device Updates

Sections Affected: California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, Division 33, Chapter 1, sections 3311.1 and 3340.45

Updated Information: The Informative Digest and Initial Statement of Reasons are included in the rulemaking file and incorporated as though set forth herein.

The Bureau of Automotive Repair (Bureau or BAR) staff noticed the proposed rulemaking on October 24, 2025, with the 45-day comment period ending on December 15, 2025. The Bureau received no comments during the notice period. No public hearing was held.

Documents Incorporated by Reference

The documents “Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection Manual” and “Smog Check Manual” are currently incorporated by reference in CCR sections 3311.1 and 3340.45, respectively. The Bureau has determined these documents, which are being amended in this rulemaking, should continue to be incorporated by reference because it would be cumbersome, unduly expensive, or otherwise impractical to publish the documents in the California Code of Regulations due to the length of the documents. The Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection Manual is 50 pages and the Smog Check Manual is 43 pages.

Local Mandate: A mandate is not imposed on local agencies or school districts.

Consideration of Alternatives: No reasonable alternative which was considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Bureau would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which it was proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted regulations or would be more cost effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law than the adopted regulation. The Bureau incorporates by reference the alternatives identified in its Initial Statement of Reasons and did not receive any comments that altered its findings.

Set forth below are the alternatives the Bureau considered and the reason the Bureau rejected the alternatives:

Alternative 1:

The Bureau considered taking no action. However, with no action, the regulations would not allow for the use of the most current available equipment.

Description of reasonable alternatives to the regulation that would lessen any adverse impact on small business:

No such alternatives have been proposed, however, the Board welcomes comments from the public.

Comments:

The 45-day comment period began on October 24, 2025 and ended on December 15, 2025. The Bureau did not hold a hearing. The Bureau received no comments during the notice period.