

Smog Check Exemption for Collector Motor Vehicles

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SB 1392 Summary (1 of 4)

- Beginning January 1, 2028, SB 1392 allows owners of eligible collector motor vehicles, based on their model year, to apply for an exemption from their next required Smog Check inspection
 - Upon the biennial registration of the vehicle
 - Upon transfer of ownership of the vehicle
 - Upon initial registration of the vehicle in California

SB 1392 Summary (2 of 4)

- Not a permanent Smog Check exemption like model year 1975 and older vehicles
- BAR responsible for developing regulations in consultation with the Department of Motor Vehicles
- BAR responsible for establishing a process to verify vehicle eligibility
- Fee authority not to exceed twice the amount of the annual Smog Check abatement fee

SB 1392 Summary (3 of 4)

- Eligible model years
 - Beginning January 1, 2028, model years 1980 and older
 - Adds one additional model year for five years
 - On January 1, 2029, model years 1981 and older
 - On January 1, 2030, model years 1982 and older
 - On January 1, 2031, model years 1983 and older
 - On January 1, 2032, model years 1984 and older
 - On January 1, 2033, model years 1985 and older

SB 1392 Summary (4 of 4)

- Vehicle eligibility requirements
 - Used primarily in shows, parades, charitable functions, and historical exhibitions for display, maintenance, and preservation
 - Not used as a primary mode of transportation
 - Insured as a collector motor vehicle, or:
 - Beginning January 1, 2030, is driven less than 1,000 miles a year

Proposed Regulations (1 of 2)

- Describe vehicle eligibility requirements
- Describe application requirements
 - Applicant identification and contact information
 - Vehicle identification and current mileage
 - Vehicle photos taken within 14 days before applying
 - Current collector motor vehicle insurance policy with mileage limitation
 - Certifications and acknowledgments

Proposed Regulations (2 of 2)

- Identify grounds for denying applications and withdrawing approvals based on failure to maintain eligibility
- Timeline
 - Public workshop on October 22, 2026
 - File with the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) in early 2027
 - Adoption no later than January 1, 2028

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