

Legislation and Regulations Update

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Important Legislative Dates

- **January 1, 2024** – 2023 statutes take effect
- **January 3, 2024** – Legislature reconvenes
- **January 31, 2024** – Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house in 2023
- **February 16, 2024** – Last day for bills to be introduced

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2023 Chaptered Bills

- AB 641 (Fong): Automobile Dismantlers
- AB 1263 (Assembly Committee on Business and Professions): BAR Sunset Review
- AB 1519 (Bains): VIN Marking Requirements
- SB 55 (Umberg): VIN Marking Requirements
- SB 544 (Laird): Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: Teleconferencing

Pending Regulation Packages

- Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection Program
- Tear Down Disclosure Requirements for Automotive Repair Dealers
- Smog Check Inspection Equipment and Station Requirements (DAD Specification Update)
- CAP Incentive Increases

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Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection Program

- Purpose: Creates a new Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection Program that:
 - Establishes procedures and program requirements in a Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection Manual.
 - Creates license requirements for vehicle safety systems inspection stations and technicians.
 - Sunsets the lamp and brake inspection programs six months after adoption of the regulations.
- History: Public workshops held on April 20, 2022, July 21, 2022, and April 27, 2023.
- Status: 45-day comment period ended on December 26, 2023. Submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for final approval and adoption on December 29, 2023.
- Next Steps: Receive final approval from OAL. BAR requested regulations take effect upon adoption.

Tear Down Disclosure Requirements for Automotive Repair Dealers

- Purpose: Add and amend definitions relating to disclosure requirements for automotive repair dealers.
 - Clarify estimate work order requirements that require a vehicle tear down.
 - Require ARDs to include payment amounts of third-party payors on the estimate prior to authorization of work.
- History: Public workshop held on October 19, 2023.
- Status: BAR is working to finalize the initial package for DCA review.
- Next Steps: Initial package to be reviewed by DCA, then Business, Consumer Services and Housing (BCSH) Agency.

Smog Check Equipment and Station Requirements (DAD Specification Update)

- Purpose: (1) Replace the current OBD Data Acquisition Device (DAD) specification with a more comprehensive and updated version to provide additional tools to combat Smog Check fraud. (2) Allow the DAD to communicate with new vehicles that use a communication protocol not supported by the current generation of Bureau-certified DADs.
- Status: Filed package with OAL and began the 45-day public comment period on January 19, 2024. Public comment period will end on March 5.
- Next Steps: After public comment period ends, finalize package and submit to OAL for final approval and adoption.

Consumer Assistance Program Incentive Increases

- Purpose: (1) Increase Vehicle Retirement program incentives for income-eligible motorists from \$1,500-\$2,000. (2) Increase Vehicle Retirement program incentive for other motorists from \$1,000-\$1,350. (3) Allow the Bureau to increase Vehicle Retirement incentives and Repair Assistance contributions once every three years if there has been a 10% increase in the related series of Bureau of Labor Statistics consumer price index. (4) Remove the eligibility restriction preventing motorists from participating more than once in the Repair Assistance program. (5) Unincorporate the CAP application and list the application requirements in regulation.
- Status: Filed package with OAL and began the 45 day public comment period. Public comment period will end on March 12.
- Next Steps: After public comment period ends, finalize package and submit to OAL for final approval and adoption.

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