SMOG CHECK EQUIPMENT
SECURITY AND FRAUD PREVENTION

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PROPOSED REGULATION SUMMARY

•Requires Smog Check inspectors to provide BAR biometric data during enrollment.

•Requires biometric use in lieu of a password for BAR-OIS and BAR-97.

•With inspector consent, permits BAR access to view and record inspection information.

•Cannot have a device capable of simulating or manipulating specific OBD data collected during inspection in the testing area.

•Provides BAR authority to access stations anytime inspections or repairs are performed, including outside normal business hours.
PROPOSED REGULATION STATUS

• Regulation package is currently being reviewed by DCA Legal.

• Once the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) approval is received, BAR can begin to share more firm implementation dates.
BAR-OIS CHANGES PRIOR TO BIOMETRIC USE

• July 2021: BAR-OIS update adds second password entry at end of inspection.
  • Helps to protect licensed inspectors from unlicensed persons completing inspections.
• Future biometric use in lieu of password will make entry more convenient.
• February 2022: BAR-OIS update increases password complexity to 15 characters.
  • State of California Department of Technology tech alert TA 21-01 requires all State entities update their password policy targeting a 15-character minimum password length.
SECOND PASSWORD ENTRY SCREEN

New screen: password entry prior to certificate issuance.
TENTATIVE MILESTONES TO IMPLEMENT BIOMETRIC WITH BAR-OIS

• October 2021 BAG Meeting: demonstration and kickoff of enrollment.

• October to March: Early bird enrollment. Early adopters can opt into the advantages of using biometric as soon as BAR-OIS is updated.

• January 2022 BAG Meeting: demonstration of how biometric works with BAR-OIS.

• January 2022: Biometric equipment will become available for purchase.

• All dates are subject to change based on regulation progress.
TENTATIVE MILESTONES TO IMPLEMENT BIOMETRIC WITH BAR-OIS (CONTINUED)

• February 2022: BAR-OIS updated to allow biometric use as an alternative to the password.

• April to September 2022: Inspectors enroll and stations buy equipment.

• October 2022: Anticipated regulation adoption date. BAR to require biometric use upon adoption.

• All dates are subject to change based on regulation progress.
QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

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