VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM

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PROPOSED REGULATION TEXT SUMMARY

• Creates a new Article 2.5 in Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) – “Vehicle Safety Inspection Program”

• Proposed regulation text includes:
  • Incorporation of a Vehicle Safety Inspection Manual
  • License requirements for vehicle safety stations
  • License requirements for vehicle safety technicians
  • Sunset of the lamp and brake inspection programs six months after adoption of the regulations
VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION MANUAL
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• Sets the inspection requirements and failure criteria for each system/area of the vehicle inspected

• Manual consists of the following nine sections:
  • Information on technician access and vehicle identification
  • Lighting system inspection
  • Passenger compartment inspection
• Tires and wheels inspection
• Brake system inspection
• Steering and suspension system inspection
• Body structure inspection
• Road test
• Equipment requirements
In addition to the items in the manual, the vehicle safety inspection will include:

- A scan of the vehicle's identifying information.
- A scan of information related to the vehicle’s safety systems.
- A determination of any open safety recalls.
- A vehicle that fails to communicate when scanned or has an unrepaired safety recall will fail inspection.
VEHICLE SAFETY STATION REQUIREMENTS

• Licensed stations are required to have a Safety Inspection System (SIS) that includes:
  • Data Acquisition Device (DAD)
  • Biometric device
  • Internet connection

• Other equipment requirements are similar to existing equipment requirements for lamp and brake adjusting stations.

• Applicants will be subject to an initial inspection prior to licensure to verify they possess required equipment and employ a licensed vehicle safety technician.
VEHICLE SAFETY TECHNICIAN REQUIREMENTS

• To obtain a vehicle safety technician license, applicants must:
  
  • Possess National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification in:
    
    • Suspension and steering (A-4)
    • Brakes (A-5)
    • Electrical/electronic systems (A-6)
  
  • Pass a license examination

• License is valid for two years and will not require re-examination for renewal.
LAMP AND BRAKE PROGRAM SUNSET

• Six months after adoption of Article 2.5 “Vehicle Safety Inspection Program” the following regulations will become inoperative:
  • Article 2 “Licensing of Official Stations and Adjusters”
  • Article 3 “Official Lamp Adjusting Stations”
  • Article 4 “Official Brake Adjusting Stations”
TRANSLATION CURRENT LAMP AND BRAKE STATIONS AND ADJUSTERS

• As currently drafted, proposed regulations would allow:
  • A currently licensed lamp and brake adjusting station, with licenses in good standing, to forego the license application fee.
  • A currently licensed lamp and brake adjuster, with licenses in good standing, to forego:
    • License application fee
    • ASE certification (will be required for renewal)
    • License examination
QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

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