

## **LEGISLATIVE BILLS**

### **Catalytic Converter Theft Bills**

- AB 641 - Catalytic Converters – Makes it a misdemeanor for someone to possess 6 or more used catalytic converters that have been cut from a vehicle unless they are a licensed dismantler. Status: Assembly
- AB 1519 - Catalytic Converters – Makes it a misdemeanor to remove alter or obfuscate any VIN engraved, etched or otherwise marked on a catalytic converter, or from possessing a catalytic converter that has been so altered. Status: Assembly
- SB 55 - Prohibits a motor vehicle dealer from selling a vehicle equipped with a catalytic converter unless the converter has been permanently marked with the VIN, the vehicle is sold for dismantling or salvage, the vehicle is sold at a wholesale auction or a buyer declines the marking offered by the dealer. Status: Senate.

### **Career Technical Educational**

- AB 290 - Career Tech Education- Increases funding to \$450 million each year. Status: Assembly.
- AB 377- Career Tech Education- Support. Increases funding to \$450 million each year. Status: Assembly.
- AB 1189 - Career Technical Education – Requires each school district maintaining grades 7-12, to offer Career Technical Education to all pupils in those grades. Status: Assembly.
- AB 1346 - States the Intent to enact legislation relating to Career Education and Career Guidance. Status: Assembly.

### **Bureau of Automotive Repair**

- AB 1263 - Bureau of Automotive Repair - Requires the BAR to send specified newsletters at least three times a year. Place holder for BAR Sunset Review legislation. Status: Assembly.

### **Hazardous Waste**

- AB 407 - Used Oil- Deletes the criterion that used oil not be subject to regulation as used oil under federal law. Status: Senate.
- AB 493 – Relates to the California Oil Recycling Enhancement Act. Status: Assembly.
- AB 1614 - Gas Fueling Stations - Requires State Water Resources to conduct a study on how to phase out the existence of gas fueling stations. Status: Assembly.
- AB 1716 - Hazardous Waste Management - Makes various technical changes to the six unified hazardous waste and materials management regulatory program that are overseen by the Certified United Programs Agencies (CUPAs). Status: Assembly.

### **Employment**

- AB 518 - Paid Family leave - Expands the definition of “family member” for purposes of the Paid Family Leave Program to allow workers to take time off to care for a seriously ill designated person. Status: Assembly.
- AB 1100 - Employment Workweek – Concerns. Establishes the 32-hour workweek pilot program. Status: Assembly.
- SB 616 - Paid Sick Days- Modifies employer sick leave and requires an employee have no less than 56 hours of accrued sick leave. Status: Assembly.
- SB 703 – Support. Permits a nonexempt employee to request a flexible work schedule providing up to 10 hours per day within a 40-hour workweek without obligation to pay overtime. Status: Assembly.

### **Vehicle Batteries**

- AB 1579- Vehicle Batteries – Requires the state, beginning in 2035, to establish a bid specification for the acquisition of motor vehicles and determining the lowest bidder to consider whether the vehicle is equipped with lithium-ion batteries produced with the least environmental impact. Status: Assembly.
- SB 615 –Requires an automotive repair dealer that removes a battery from a vehicle that is still in service to participate in a core exchange program established by the battery supplier and be responsible for either returning a removed battery to the battery supplier or sending it to a qualified facility. Status: Senate.

### **Zero Emissions Aftermarket**

- SB 301 - Zero-Emission Aftermarket - Requires CARB to establish the Zero Emissions Aftermarket project to provide an applicant with a rebate for a vehicle that has been converted to a zero-emission vehicle. Status: Senate.

### **Vehicle Cruising**

- AB 436 – Cruising. Support. Repeals the authority for a local authority to adopt rules and regulations regarding vehicle cruising. Status: Assembly.

### **Other Bills of Interest**

- AB 473 - New Motor Vehicle Board - Prohibits additional acts by new vehicle manufacturers. Status: Assembly.
- SB 244 - Right to Repair - Right to repair for electronic equipment. Status: Senate.
- SB 271 - Right to Repair - Right to repair for powered wheelchairs. Status: Senate.
- SB 670 – Vehicle Miles Traveled – Requires CARB to develop a methodology for assessing and spatially representing vehicle miles traveled and to develop maps to display average vehicle miles traveled per capita in the state. Status: Senate.

## **REGULATORY**

### **California Energy Commission – Replacement Tire Efficiency Regulations - Concerns**

The California Energy Commission (CEC) is in the process of creating new regulations to require all tire retailers including all automotive repair shops to post signs, provide disclosures to consumers who are purchasing replacement tires and take training to sell replacement efficient tires. The automotive repair industry is concerned about the proposed tire regulations and impacts on small businesses. Comments and concerns have been provided to the CEC. We will continue to monitor and report.

### **Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR)**

BAR Advisory Group Committee meeting. The BAR Advisory Group Committee is meeting on April 27, 2023 in Sacramento. Among, other things, the agenda includes a presentation by the California Energy Commission regarding the proposed tire efficiency regulations. We plan on attending the meeting and reporting. See link below for meeting information.

<https://www.bar.ca.gov/bar-advisory-group/2023-april>

BAR Regulatory Workshop - Vehicle Inspection Systems Program Regulations. The BAR is also holding a third workshop on April 27, 2023 to discuss regulation development for the proposed Vehicle Systems Inspection and Certification Program for salvage titled vehicles. We plan in attending the workshop and reporting. See link below for workshop information.

<https://www.bar.ca.gov/public-workshops/202304-vehicle-safety-inspection>