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LEGISLATIVE BILLS

Catalytic Converter Theft Bills - Concerns

AB 1740 – Requires core recyclers who accept converters from commercial enterprise, which includes auto repair dealers, to obtain the following from seller: name, business address and phone, business license or tax ID, date of sale, number of converters sold, amount of money and written agreement to be kept for two years. Status: Signed by Governor .

AB 2407 –Requires core recycler who accepts converters from seller to have a written agreement and obtain thumb prints from seller disposing of catalytic converters. The bill was amended to exempt automotive repair dealers from thumb print requirements. Status: Died.

AB 2682 - Any auto repair shop that installs or replaces a catalytic converter must ensure that it is engraved or otherwise permanently marked with VIN. The repair shop may charge a reasonable fee for permanently marking the converter. A smog station must visually inspect and notify customer whether or not converter engraved with VIN. The smog station needs only perform a visually inspection without any responsibility of removing any part, if converter not visible. The bill also makes it a crime to remove or alter a VIN that has been added to the catalytic converter. Status: Died.

SB 986 – Requires core recyclers who accept converters to maintain specified written records from seller with sufficient particularity, including markings to match any converter in recyclers inventory to written agreement and prohibits a dealer from selling a vehicle unless converter has been engraved, etched or permanently marked with VIN. Status: Died.

SB 1087 - Requires core recyclers who accept converters from seller to obtain and maintain written records, including name, date number of converters and amount of money and specifically prohibits any person from purchasing used converter other than specified business which includes an auto repair dealer. Status: Signed by Governor.

Employment Bills - Concerns

AB 1949 – Requires employers with five or more employees to provide employees up to 5 unpaid days of employee bereavement leave upon the death of a family member. Status: Signed by Governor.

AB 1993 – Mandates employers to require each employee to show proof that employee has been vaccinated against covid-19. Status: Died

AB 2243 –Requires Cal-OSHA to submit a proposal to the Heath Standards Board to revise the heat illness standard. Status: Signed by Governor.

AB 2932 – Requires all employers to pay overtime to employees working more than 32 hours a week. Status: Died.

SB 1044 – Prohibits an employer, in the event of emergency, from threatening adverse action against an employee for refusing to report to work because employee has reasonable belief that workplace is unsafe. Status: Signed by Governor.