

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

Bureau of Automotive Repair

- AB 1263 - Bureau of Automotive Repair – Support. High priority. This bill, among other things, would maintain the continuation of the BAR Advisory Committee; require employees, such as service writers, who are involved in a BAR violation to attend remedial training; require a salvage rebuilder selling a revived salvage vehicle to provide a consumer with a safety systems certificate and require upcoming BAR towing and storage regulations to reference the civil and vehicle codes and insurance code regulations. Status: Senate Floor.

Catalytic Converter Theft Bills

- AB 641 - Catalytic Converters – Watch. Makes it a misdemeanor for someone to possess 9 or more used catalytic converters that have been cut from a vehicle unless they are a licensed dismantler. Status: Assembly Floor.
- AB 1519 - Catalytic Converters – Concerns. Makes it a misdemeanor to remove, alter or obfuscate any VIN engraved, etched or otherwise marked on a catalytic converter, or from possessing 3 or more catalytic converters that have been so altered. Status: Senate Floor.
- SB 55 – Watch. 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: Governor’s Desk.

Career Technical Educational

- AB 377- Career Tech Education- Support. Increases Career Technical Education funding from \$300 million each year to \$450 million. Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee. Two-year bill.

Employment

- AB 518 - Paid Family leave – Watch. 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: Senate Floor.
- AB 524 - Family Caregiver - Concerns. Adds caregiver status as a protected class under the Fair Employment and Housing Act. Status: Senate Floor.
- AB 1100 - Employment Workweek – Concerns. Establishes the 32-hour workweek pilot program. Status: Assembly - Two-year bill.
- SB 365 – Arbitration – Concerns. Prohibits automatic staying of civil legal proceedings during the pendency of denial or dismissal of a petition to compel arbitration. Status: Governor’s Desk.

- SB 399 – Employer Communications. Concerns. Enacts the California Worker Freedom from Employer Intimidation Act. Status. Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee. Two-year bill.
- SB 616 - Paid Sick Days- Concerns. Modifies employer sick leave and requires an employee have no less than 40 hours of accrued sick leave. Status: Assembly Floor.
- 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: Senate – Two-year bill.
- SB 799 – Concerns. Unemployment Benefits. Allows employees involved in a trade dispute to collect unemployment insurance benefits. Status. Assembly Floor.

Hazardous Waste

- AB 407 - Used Oil- Watch. This bill clarifies how material that is exempted from hazardous waste regulation as a used oil under state law can be managed. Status: Senate Floor.
- AB 493 – Relates to the California Oil Recycling Enhancement Act. Watch. Status: Two-year bill.
- AB 1614 - Gas Fueling Stations – Concerns. Requires California Energy Commission to conduct a study on how to phase out the existence of gas fueling stations. Status: Senate Floor.
- AB 1716 - Hazardous Waste Management – Watch. Make 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: Governor’s Desk.

Vehicle Batteries

- AB 1579- Vehicle Batteries – Watch. 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: Two-year bill
- SB 615 –Electric Batteries – Concerns. 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: Two-year bill.

Zero Emissions Aftermarket

- SB 301 - Zero-Emission Aftermarket – Watch. 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: Assembly Floor.

Vehicle Cruising

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

Other Bills of Interest

- AB 473 –New Motor Vehicle Board - Watch. Modifies several laws governing relationships between new motor vehicle manufactures and franchisees that operate car dealerships. Status: Governor’s Desk.
- AB 1609 – Air Pollution. Concerns. Imposes an additional annual \$4.00 charge on motor vehicles to provide funding for air quality management districts to reduce air pollution. Status: Two-year bill.
- SB 12 – Greenhouse Gas Emissions – Watch. Requires CARB to ensure that statewide greenhouse gas emissions are reduced by at least 55% below 1990 levels by December 31, 2030. Status: Two-year bill.
- SB 244 - Right to Repair – Watch. Right to repair for electronic equipment. Status: Assembly Floor.
- SB 271 - Right to Repair – Watch. Right to repair for powered wheelchairs. Status: Assembly Floor.
- SB 429 - Transportation Network Companies - Watch. Establishes vehicle inspection requirements for vehicles used on a Transportation Network Company platform such as Uber and Lyft. Status: Assembly Floor.
- SB 670 – Vehicle Miles Traveled – Concerns. 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 - Two-year bill.