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Automotive Services Council of California an Active Player in the Passage of ADA Regulatory Relief

SACRAMENTO- The Automotive Services Council of California today thanked Governor Brown for signing into law commonsense ADA reform measures that will reduce the number of frivolous lawsuits that hurt California's small businesses.

"This is a smart, balanced approach between preserving the civil rights of those who are disabled to ensure access to all public accommodations, and limiting the number of frivolous lawsuits threatened or filed against businesses that do not improve accessibility," said Tracy Renée, Chair of ASCCA's Government Affairs Committee. "This legislation marks the most significant ADA reform measures in recent years, and ASCCA is proud to have joined other small business organizations throughout California to bring much-needed relief to our state's small business owners."

Senate Bill 269, authored by Senator Richard Roth (D-Riverside) and co-authored by Senator Andy Vidak (R-Hanford), incentivizes businesses to proactively take steps to become accessible by providing them with 120 days from a Certified Access Specialist inspection to resolve any violations identified, without being subject to damages or litigation. It also provides businesses with 15 days to resolve any alleged violations regarding minor violations.

Small businesses, including auto repair shops will no longer be exploited by lawyers for even the most minor ADA non-compliance issues, or threatened with expensive lawsuits. Instead, businesses will now have enough time to comply with state and federal disability access regulations, allowing them to keep their doors open.

Founded in 1940, the Automotive Service Councils of California is the largest independent automotive repair organization in California. Its members represent all areas of the automotive repair industry, including mechanical, auto body, suppliers and educators.

"To elevate and Unite Automotive Professionals, and give them voice."

