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Bill: AB 1706 – Position - Watch

Subject: Vehicle Weight

Description: Lists batteries among the items included as the basis for determining the unladen weight of a vehicle.

Bill: SB 1076 – Position - Watch

Subject: Tires

Description: Requires a tire pressure gauge used to meet the requirements of the Global Warming Solutions Act to be accurate with a range of plus or minus 2 pounds per square inch of pressure and authorizes automotive service providers to meet the requirements of the regulation without checking and inflating a vehicle's tire if that tire is determined to be an unsafe tire. Requires the State Air Resources Board to adopt regulations on tire age, if the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration publishes findings.

Bill: AB 1613 – Position - Support

Subject: Vehicle Inspection

Description: Amends existing law regarding a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (smog-check) program. Deletes the requirement that the DMV require a certificate of compliance or a certificate of noncompliance with respect to smog certification upon any transfer of ownership and registration of a motor vehicle.

Bill: AB 1608 – Position - Watch

Subject: Fuel Efficient Vehicles

Description: Establishes the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project to be administered by the State Center for sustainable Energy with funds from the Air Quality Improvement Program. Requires rebates be made available for the purchase of eligible medium- or heavy-duty commercial vehicles from a manufacturer, in an amount 40% greater than the rebates made available for the purchase of eligible medium- or heavy-duty commercial vehicles not from a manufacturer in the state.

Bill: AB 146 – Position - Watch

Subject: Emissions

Description: Adds one member to the Air Resources Board from the Sacramento federal nonattainment area.

Bill: AB 135

Subject: Emissions – Position - Support

Description: Requires one appointed member of the Air Resources Board to be a current owner of a small business who has worked for and/or owned that small business for at least 10 years

Bill: SB 901 – Position – Watch Closely

Subject: Air pollution: vehicle retirement program

Description: This bill would make this program available only to the highest polluting vehicles, with priority given to those highest polluting vehicles registered in air basins that are out of attainment with federal air quality standards. The bill would make other technical changes.

Bill: AB 2289 – Position – Support

Subject: Specially Constructed Vehicles

This bill would specify that the suggested provisions apply to specially constructed vehicles that are owned by an individual who is an enthusiast or hobbyist. The bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to establish, maintain, and make available to the public a list of the names of applicants for registration of a specially constructed vehicle in the order in which the applications are received.

Bill: SB 1224 – Position – Support

Subject: Smog Check Exemption

Existing law exempts specified vehicles from being inspected biennially upon renewal of registration, including, among others, all motor vehicles manufactured prior to the 1976 model-year. This bill instead would exempt all motor vehicles prior to the 1981 model-year from being inspected biennially upon renewal of registration.
