



ACCC Legislative Alert!

April 10, 2014

Here we go again...Recently two pieces of legislation were introduced that will raise Vehicle License Fees (VLF) as well the price of gas at the pump.

1) The first is a county-based increase of vehicle license fees:

AB 2393, as introduced, Levine. Vehicle registration fees. This bill would additionally authorize a county, that has adopted the resolution to impose the \$1 fee, to increase that fee to \$2 in the same manner that it imposed the initial \$1 fee. The bill would alternatively authorize a county that has not adopted a \$1 fee to impose an initial \$2 fee in the same manner that it is authorized to impose a \$1 fee. If a county imposes a \$2 fee pursuant to these provisions, the bill would increase the additional \$2 fee on commercial vehicles to \$4. The bill would require the county to submit resolutions to increase fees pursuant to these provisions to the Department of Motor Vehicles at least 6 months prior to the operative date of the fee increase.

The politicians are getting somewhat smarter since they lost their Super Majority and introducing legislation as a fee so that they can avoid the 2/3 vote necessary to pass an increase that is a tax.

2) The Second is a carbon tax increase:

SB 1156, as introduced, Steinberg. California Carbon Tax Law of 2014. This bill, effective January 1, 2015, would impose a carbon tax of an unspecified amount per ton of carbon-dioxide-equivalent emissions on suppliers of fossil fuels. The bill would require the State Board of Equalization to administer and implement the carbon tax, and would require revenues from the tax to be deposited in the Carbon Tax Revenue Special Fund in the State Treasury. The bill would exempt suppliers of fossil fuels subject to the tax from regulations imposed by the State Air Resources Board under the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 relative to the compliance obligation in the second compliance period under which suppliers of specified fuels are required to obtain allowances for carbon-dioxide-equivalent emissions under the cap-and-trade program adopted by the State Air Resources Board. The bill would state the intent of the Legislature that revenues from the carbon tax be rebated to taxpayers, particularly low- and medium-income taxpayers, of other taxes, and for implementation of the carbon tax to be revenue neutral.

Steinberg feels he has the clout to get this bill passed. The fact is this bill will probably not pass, being a tax (it has a 2/3 vote requirement). Whether the bill passes or not gas prices are going to go up anyway because of AB32.

AB32 requires oil companies to buy carbon credits at about \$.12 per gallon for the 17 billion gallons sold in California each year. It's likely that this cost will be passed on to consumers at the pump with higher prices. We need to let the legislators know where we, the car hobby, stand on VLF increases and new taxes. Last year the ACCC with the help of our legislative partners and ACCC Member Clubs were able to get AB1002 Bloom (VLF Increase) killed. Once again we need to get letters of opposition from our Member Clubs.



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I have attached a letter of opposition to both AB2393 and SB1156 to this alert below for your use. Please personalize this letter on your letterhead and email back to me at accpres@gmail.com. Thanks for your support.

April 10, 2014

To: Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal Chair and Members of the Assembly Transportation Committee.

From: Your Club Name Here

RE: AB 2393 Levine - Oppose

The "Your Club Name Here" representing car collectors in the Greater Sacramento area joins the Association of California Car Clubs and over 200 car clubs statewide in urging your opposition to AB 2393 (Levine).

AB 2393 would double the fees from \$1.00 to \$2.00 and from \$2.00 to \$4.00 on commercial vehicles per vehicle in certain counties. This increase, on top of the already high vehicle registration fees, will have a significant impact on our members and the car hobby in general.

In addition to the increased cost, we believe that this increase is unfair to car collectors. Most of our classic cars are rarely driven, most less than 1000 miles per year, and as a result have little or no impact on the environment or the infra-structure. This bill treats collector cars in the same manner as a vehicle that is driven tens of thousands of miles a year. For the reasons stated above, we urge a NO vote on AB 2393.

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To: Senator Mark DeSaulnier Chair and Members of the Senate Transportation Committee.

From: Your Club Name Here

RE: SB1156 Steinberg - Oppose

The "Your Club Name Here" representing car collectors in the Greater Sacramento area joins the Association of California Car Clubs and over 200 car clubs statewide in urging your opposition to SB 1156 (Steinberg).

SB1156 would place a Carbon Tax on already overtaxed California taxpayers of approximately \$.15 per gallon and increasing to approximately \$.43 per gallon by 2020. California taxpayers already pay the highest fuel taxes in the nation at \$.72 per gallon and are hard pressed to eek out a living in the current California economy. California needs more jobs not more taxes.

For the reasons stated above, we urge a NO vote on SB1156.

Please feel free to contact us with comments, concerns, questions, or suggestions...

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