

**ACCC**

**URGENT LEGISLATIVE ALERT**

**Senate Bill 1239 Will Be Heard in The Senate Appropriations Committee  
Monday May 2, 2016 – Room 4203 State Capitol!**

Hello Car Guys & Gals,

As you may know the ACCC with the help of Senator Gaines (R) Roseville has sponsored legislation (SB1239) that will exempt 1980 & older collector cars & trucks from the biennial smog inspection. Currently 1976 & older are exempt and we want to expand that to 1980 & older.

There are many 1976 through 1980 Corvettes; Mustangs; Firebirds; Mopars; etc. and we want to relieve these car folks from the costly and we feel unnecessary smog inspections.

The bill passed out of the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee Monday May 2, 2016 at 10:00 AM in Room 4203 at the Capitol. In the meantime, to get this bill passed, we need your help. A campaign of letter writing, emails, faxes, and phone calls will help in getting this done. It is urgent that we voice our support as soon as possible...So don't delay, do it today!

See information below with email addresses; phone numbers; and a copy of a letter that you can personalize and mail or fax into the Senate Trans Committee. Thank you and please contact me with questions and/or concerns...Rex Roden President-ACCC acccpres@gmail.com

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Senator Richard Lara-Chair and Members  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2206  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Support (SB1239 Gaines)

Dear Senator Lara and Committee Members,

The California Legislature has previously recognized that annual smog checks should not be required for autos that are so old that virtually all remaining & registered vehicles are owned and operated as collector and classic cars and trucks. Prior to 2004, there was a thirty year rolling exemption – that is, any vehicle whose model year was older than 30 years were exempt from the annual smog inspection. In 2004, the Legislature moved the exemption date to 1976.

As collectors of older model cars, the Association of California Car Club (ACCC) members believe the 1976 date is arbitrary. There are models built after that date that are still popular to this day such as late seventies and early eighties Corvettes, Mustangs, Firebirds, and Mopars. There are few of these cars that were made thirty years ago, but they are well taken care of and driven sparingly. These type of vehicles are insured with collector car insurance, have limited use and may have mileage restrictions dictated by the insurance company. Due to limited use these vehicles have little or no negative impact on the environment.

Requiring a costly smog inspection only adds to the already high cost of owning and maintaining such a vehicle and feel that it's purely a revenue collecting regulation. The Association of California Car Clubs and the SEMA Action Network would like to expand the exemption to add 1980 & older cars and trucks.

Classic and collector cars & trucks are a unique part of California's history and need to be preserved. This bill will offer a common-sense way to encourage that these vehicles remain on display for all to see, drive, and enjoy. The ACCC representing over 10,000 members statewide encourage your support on this much needed legislation.

Sincerely,

Your Name

***The ACCC...Representing The Car Hobby Since 1972!***