

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS



Bureau of Automotive Repair

Advisory Group Meeting
Laws and Regulations Update
October 14, 2014

LEGISLATION

ASSEMBLY BILLS

AB 1665 (Jones)

➤ Would have:

- Deleted repairing and changing tires from the list of activities excluded from the definition of automotive repair
- Added definition for TPMS (Tire Pressure Monitoring System)
- Excluded emergency roadside auto clubs providing tire services from ARD registration
- Required automotive repair dealers that repair or change tires to be capable of diagnosing and servicing TPMS

AB 1665 (Jones)

- Vetoed by the Governor on September 30, 2014
- Governor's veto message directed the Bureau to "work with interested parties to determine which, if any, automotive repair services merit further regulation."

SENATE BILLS

SB 1242 (Lieu)

- Requires that the powers and duties of the Bureau be subject to review by the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature as if the Bureau were scheduled to be sunset on January 1, 2019.
- Chaptered August 22, 2014

SB 1275 (De León)

- Adds a “mobility option” for low-income consumers within EFMP
- “Mobility option” benefit would be \$2,500 (equal to replacement benefit)
- Chaptered September 21, 2014

REGULATIONS

Disciplinary Guidelines

➤ Update Guidelines to:

- Incorporate legislative and regulatory changes that have occurred since the last revision in May 1997
- Specify BAR's jurisdiction and enforcement over Smog Check station licenses
- Specify BAR's continued jurisdiction and enforcement over technicians when changing to new license types
- Define BAR's statutory authority to issue probationary registrations or licenses

Disciplinary Guidelines

- Under Departmental review
- Adoption goal of April 1, 2015

Certified Schools and Instructors

- Refine certification criteria for schools and instructors
- Update training standards to reflect current processes
- Introduce certification for non-technical training
Regulation is in development by BAR
- Adoption goal of April 1, 2015

Windshield Installation Standards

- Create minimum standards for the installation of windshields in motor vehicles
- Public workshop held January 9, 2014
- Adoption goal of April 1, 2015

Electronic Estimates

- Permit transmission of an initial estimate by electronic means
 - Includes email and fax
- Publically workshopped on July 9, 2014
- Under Departmental review
- Adoption goal of April 1, 2015

ARD Advertising

- Amend ARD advertising requirements
- Text in development
- Public workshop to be scheduled soon

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- For more information on BAR's regulations please visit bar.ca.gov