

Vehicle Registration

<i>Code Reference</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<p>Special License Plates Fee Exemption</p> <p>Amend: <i>Vehicle Code</i> §§5101.5, 5101.6, and 9105</p> <p>(SB 386 Chapter No. 357)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exempts the surviving spouse of a former American Prisoner of War or of a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient from paying specified vehicle-related fees if she/he elects to retain the deceased spouse's special license plates. • Authorizes a member of the former prisoner of war's family, or the Congressional Medal of Honor recipient's family, as defined, to retain one of the special license plates as a family heirloom.
<p>Vessel Emissions Standards</p> <p>Add: <i>Vehicle Code</i> §§9852.9, 9853.7, and 9853.8</p> <p>(AB 695 Chapter 609)</p> <p>(Operative July 1, 2008)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibits the DMV from registering vessels with stern drive or inboard engines manufactured after January 1, 2008, if they do not meet emissions regulations. • Requires the retail seller to certify on the original application for a CF number if the vessel is in compliance with the emissions regulations • Requires vessels with a spark-ignition marine engine of less than 500 hp manufactured on or after January 1, 2008, or • Vessels with a spark-ignition marine engine with any rated output power manufactured on or after January 1, 2009, to have a permanent affixed label indicating that the engine meets or exceeds the emissions standards, and • Requires the hang tag for the engine to be submitted with the initial application for a CF number.
<p>Year of Manufacture Plates</p> <p>Amend: <i>Vehicle Code</i> §5004.1</p> <p>(AB 462 Chapter No. 497)</p> <p>(Operative July 1, 2009)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extends the Year of Manufacture (YOM) license plate program to include 1969 year model or older passenger vehicles and 1972 or older commercial vehicles. • Increases the original YOM application fee (Fee Code 017) to \$45.
<p>Motor Carrier Permits</p> <p>Amend: <i>Vehicle Code</i> §§34623.5, 34630, 34640, and 34671</p> <p>(AB 913 Chapter 58)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizes the DMV to waive the \$150 reinstatement fee if a Motor Carrier Permit was suspended for a lapse in insurance coverage, and it is subsequently found that there was no lapse in coverage.

Driver License

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<p>Driving Under the Influence Repeated Offense</p> <p>Amend and Add: <i>Vehicle Code</i> §§13353.1, 13353.2, 22651, 42009, 422010 13389, and 23154</p> <p>(AB 1165 Chapter 749)</p> <p>(Operative January 1, 2009)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes it unlawful for a person who is on probation for a driving-under-the-influence offense to operate a motor vehicle at any time with a blood-alcohol concentration of 0.01percent or greater. • Imposes an admin per se driver license suspension on persons found to violate this prohibition.
<p>Medical Examination for Special Certificates</p> <p>Amend: <i>Vehicle code</i> §12517.2</p> <p>(AB 139 Chapter 158)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizes the medical examination for an original or renewal certificate to drive a schoolbus, school pupil activity bus, youth bus, general public paratransit vehicle, or farm labor vehicle to be given by a licensed, advanced practice, registered nurse qualified to perform a medical examination or by a licensed physician assistant.
<p>Reporting Abstract of Record of Court</p> <p>Amend, Repeal and Add: <i>Vehicle Code</i> §1803</p> <p>(AB 421 Chapter 746)</p> <p>(Operative October 1, 2008)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces the time in which the clerk of a court is required to forward to DMV an abstract of the record of the court from 10 to 5 days after conviction or sentencing.
<p>Required Declaration on an Original or Renewal Application for a Driver License</p> <p>Add: <i>Vehicle Code</i> §13385</p> <p>(AB 808 Chapter 748)</p> <p>(Operative July 1, 2008)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires an applicant as a condition of obtaining or renewing a driver's license to sign a declaration acknowledging that a driver may be charged with murder if a person is killed as a result of driving under the influence.
<p>Smoking in Vehicles With Minor Passengers</p> <p>Add: <i>Health and Safety Code</i> Article 2.5 to chapter 4 of Part 15 of Division 104</p> <p>Amend: <i>Vehicle Code</i> §12814.6</p> <p>(SB 7 Chapter 425)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes it an infraction punishable by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100) for a person to smoke a pipe, cigar, or cigarette in a motor vehicle any time a minor is present in the vehicle.

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<p>Speed Contests and Reckless Driving Amend: <i>Vehicle Code</i> §§11110, 11215, 12810, 13201, 13351, 13352, 14601, 21051, 23103, 23104, 40800, 40804, 41610, 42008.5, 42009, and 42010 (AB 430 Chapter 682)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes reckless driving on a highway, reckless driving in an off-street parking facility, or exhibition of speed on a highway within the scope of various other existing statutes.
<p>Traffic Violations Adjudication Amend: <i>Penal Code</i> §1203.4 <i>Vehicle Code</i> §§40501, 41501, and 42005 (AB 645 Chapter 161)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits the courts from dismissing serious traffic violations through completion of a traffic violator school program or any other court-approved program for safe driving. Serious traffic violations are those that would result in the assessment of two negligent operator points.
<p>Transit Buses Right-of-Way Sign Add: <i>Vehicle Code</i> §24617 (AB 1492 Chapter 451)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If approved by the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, this would: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorize a transit bus to be equipped with a specified yield right-of-way sign on the left rear of the bus. Require motorists to yield to a transit bus when the sign is activated.
<p>Wireless Telephones and Mobile Service Devices Amend and Add: <i>Vehicle code</i> §§12810.3, 23123, and 23124 (SB 33 Chapter 214) (Operative July 1, 2008)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits a person under the age of 18 from driving a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone, even if equipped with a hands-free device, or while using a mobile service device, as defined.

Occupational Licensing

<i>Code Reference</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Car Buyer's Bill of Rights Amend: <i>Vehicle Code</i> §11713.21 (AB 305 Chapter 219)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows dealers to increase the restocking fee under circumstances involving the purchase of a leased vehicle by the lessee.
Consumer Protection Amend and Add: <i>Vehicle Code</i> §§11604, 11703, 11705, 4456.3, and Chapter 11 to Div. 5 (SB 729 chapter 437)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates the Consumer Motor Vehicle Recovery Corporation to manage a \$5-million recovery fund to compensate consumers who have suffered monetary loss as the result of a vehicle dealership closure or insolvency. • A \$1 fee will be collected by the DMV on each vehicle sold by a dealer or lessor/retailer. This fee cannot be passed on to the consumer.
Occupational Licensing Amend: <i>Vehicle code</i> §11703.2 (SB 525 Chapter 93)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expands the authority of the DMV to order restitution to victims who have suffered financial loss or damage by a vehicle dealer, manufacturer, distributor and transporter when the occupational license has been suspended or revoked. • Expands DMV's authority to refuse to issue a license to include until restitution has been paid.
Recreational Vehicle Sales Add: <i>Vehicle Code</i> §11713.22 (AB 1092 Chapter 406)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes a requirement that a recreational vehicle manufacturer and a dealer authorized by that manufacturer to sell its line of recreational vehicles enter into a written franchise agreement, which is to include specified information.
Traffic Violator School Licensing Amend: <i>Vehicle Code</i> §§11208, 11219.5 (AB 758 Chapter 396)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires DMV to submit a report to the Legislature, by July 1, 2008, containing a plan to consolidate all forms of traffic violation instruction programs under DMV's licensing authority. • Increases the amount a traffic violator school may charge for a duplicate completion certificate and addresses a fee issue associated with class cancellations.