Auto Theft/DUI Vehicle Fee Changes

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Updated Information
Vehicle theft deterrence, investigation and prosecution; and prosecution of driving under the influence (Auto Theft/DUI) and Commercial Vehicle Registration Act (CVRA) Auto Theft/DUI programs county fee collection by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will be changed as follows:

- **Lassen County** suspended its Auto Theft/DUI and CVRA Auto Theft/DUI programs on July 1, 2013, and will reinstate the programs on April 1, 2015. Only fees that became due prior to July 1, 2013, and on or after April 1, 2015, will be collected.
- **Sacramento and Santa Cruz Counties** increased their Auto Theft/DUI program fees from $1 to $2 and their CVRA Auto Theft/DUI program fees $2 to $4, effective April 1, 2015.
- **Tehama County** extended its abandoned vehicle abatement (AVA) program at the current rates.

**All other counties** that currently have fee programs will continue to participate and DMV will continue to collect their various program fees. For the complete list of participating counties and fees, see the Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual, Appendix 1A at [www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov).

**Procedures**
Use the following chart to Auto Theft/DUI fee collection:

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<th>County Code</th>
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<th>Fee Amount</th>
<th>If Registration Fees Became Due</th>
<th>Collect Program Fees</th>
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<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>Lassen</td>
<td>$1/CVRA $3</td>
<td>• Before 7/1/2013&lt;br&gt;• On or after 4/1/2015</td>
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<td>$2/CVRA $4</td>
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<td>44</td>
<td>Santa Cruz</td>
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**Background**
Currently, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) collects $1 or $2 on specified motor vehicles and an additional $2 for CVRA vehicles registered in participating counties for the purpose of funding the Auto Theft/DUI program.

Recent legislation authorizes participating California counties to increase their Auto Theft/DUI and CVRA Auto Theft/DUI fees and continue their AVA fee.

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References

*California Vehicle Code §§9250.7 and 9250.14*

*Vehicle Registration Industry Procedures Manual, Appendix 1A*

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