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INTRODUCTION

This report contains summaries of bills that were referred to, and considered by, the Assembly Transportation Committee during 1999-2000. Bills that were passed by the Legislature and became law are shown with the chapter number; bills that were vetoed by the Governor or that otherwise failed to become law are so noted.

Some bills could have been appropriately placed in several subject categories; an effort was made to place each bill under the most appropriate subject heading.

As used in this report, "ARB" refers to the Air Resources Board, "BART" refers to the Bay Area Rapid Transit District, "CHP" refers to the California Highway Patrol, "CTC" refers to the California Transportation Commission, "DMV" refers to the Department of Motor Vehicles, "Caltrans" refers to the Department of Transportation, and "PUC" refers to the Public Utilities Commission. "Urgency" indicates the measures took effect immediately on becoming law, while most of the legislation is effective the following January 1, unless a different particular date is specified.

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ABANDONED VEHICLES, PARKING, TOWING

AB 360 (Wesson) Narrows the instances when a vehicle can be impounded if the person driving the vehicle has an invalid license. Also, the bill establishes several requirements to help ensure that the public is properly informed about vehicle impoundment. Chapter 480, Statutes of 2001

AB 370 (Wright) Extends until January 1, 2004, a program that grants to qualifying private colleges and universities access to residence address information in DMV files pertaining to vehicle owners cited for parking violations on college or university property. Chapter 676, Statutes of 2001

AB 677 (Steinberg) Prohibits DMV from imposing a fee for disability parking placards, except for temporary placards for people who are temporarily disabled; requires DMV to take certain steps to help deter the fraudulent use of such placards; and requires the state to comply with equal access and nondiscrimination obligations regarding people with disabilities and other protected class members. **Chapter 708, Statutes of 2001**

SB 779 (Karnette) Allows any local ordinance that authorizes preferential parking permits for residents, merchants, and merchants' guests, to include preferential parking permits for school personnel. Chapter 223, Statutes of 2001

AERONAUTICS

SB 244 (Speier) Prohibits the public review period for a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) from being less than 120 days for expansion or enlargement of a publicly-owned airport requiring acquisition of, or interest in, any public trust tidelands, submerged lands, or other lands subject to the public trust for commerce, navigation, or fisheries; includes the acquisition of any such properties within the types acquisitions triggering the requirement for an airport expansion project to be approved by the local city council or county board of supervisors. **Chapter 534, Statutes of 2001**

AIR QUALITY

AB 854 (Briggs) Repeals the January 1, 2002 sunset of the statute that exempts vehicles owned by licensed motor vehicle dealers from the requirement that emission control certificates of compliance or noncompliance be valid for 90 days. The dealer exemption, instead, provides for the certificate of compliance to be valid for two years or until the vehicle is sold or registered to a retail buyer, whichever comes first. Chapter 335, Statutes of 2001

AB 1390 (Firebaugh) As passed by this committee, the bill would have prohibited ARB from enforcing the zero emission vehicle (ZEV) mandate until the creation of a Low-Income Clean Air Credit Program to allow automobile manufacturers to receive ZEV credits for automobile buy-back programs; programs to purchase particulate matter traps for diesel powered buses and trucks; programs to purchase natural gas-powered schoolbuses; programs to fund the acquisition, restoration, or operation of local urban parks; and educational programs related to air pollution run by nonprofit corporations, local governments or local school districts. The bill would have capped the ZEV credits for participation in any of these programs at eight percent of a manufacturer's total ZEV requirement. This bill now requires air quality management districts (AQMDs) and air pollution control districts (APCDs) to expend diesel emission reduction funds in communities with the most significant exposure to air contaminants. Chapter 763, Statutes of 2001

AB 1618 (Matthews) Defines "developmental engine fuel" as any experimental automotive fuel that does not meet current standards but may lead to improved or alternative fuel standards; allows the Department of Food and Agriculture (DFA) to grant variances from statutory fuel specifications for developmental engine fuels, and to withdraw those variances, under certain conditions. Chapter 596, Statutes of 2001

ABX2 86 (Florez) Amends, until January 1, 2007, the statutory definition of diesel fuel, for the purpose of assessing the state's diesel fuel excise tax, to exclude the water that is present in an emulsion of diesel fuel and water, if that emulsion contains an additive that causes the water droplets to remain suspended within the diesel fuel. This exclusion would apply only if the diesel fuel emulsion meets standards set by ARB. Chapter 8, Statutes of 2001-02 Second Extraordinary Session

SB 100 (Johannessen) For the purpose of determining emission control requirements, designates 1960 as the model-year that shall be assigned to engines or vehicles that do not sufficiently resemble a previously manufactured engine or vehicle. This provision is limited to the first 500 vehicles per year presented to DMV for registration and not resembling a specific model-year. **Chapter 871, Statutes of 2001**

SB 1170 (Sher) Creates a state policy to minimize the use of petroleum-based fuels by requiring specified state agencies to adopt energy, air pollution, and fuel efficiency standards for the state vehicle fleet. **Chapter 912, Statutes of 2001**

SJR 22 (Torlakson) Requests the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US-EPA), to the extent permitted by the federal Clean Air Act, to waive the oxygenate mandate for the State of California, given the state's independent requirements for clean gasoline that meet both state and national ambient air quality standards; requests, in the absence of such waiver being granted by the US-EPA, for Congress to enact and the President to sign legislation that would authorize California to waive the oxygen content requirement for reformulated gasoline if California fuel meets other requirements in the federal Clean Air Act for reformulated gasoline.

BUS SAFETY

AB 852 (Maldonado) Requires that any Type 2 school pupil activity bus (SPAB) manufactured on or after July 1, 2004, or any Type 1 SPAB manufactured on or after July 1, 2005, and sold in California must be equipped with passenger restraint systems. Vetoed by the Governor

AB 1079 (Oropeza) Requires that all transit buses operated by or under contract with public agencies and used for public transportation are equipped with two-way communication devices. **Vetoed by Governor**

SB 568 (Morrow) Establishes new implementation dates for passenger restraint systems on all new school buses by requiring these devices on all Type 1 school buses manufactured on or after July 1, 2005, and on all Type 2 school buses manufactured on or after July 1, 2004. Also, the bill specifies that these requirements will not apply if the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) specifically prohibits them. **Chapter 581, Statutes of 2001**

DRIVER LICENSING

AB 60 (Cedillo) Allows persons who have submitted an application for lawful immigration status to apply for a driver's license or identification card; allows a driver's license or identification card applicant who does not possess a Social Security number to submit a taxpayer identification number or other approved identifier and to sign an affidavit under penalty of perjury attesting that he or she does not have a Social Security number; deletes the requirement that DMV verify the authenticity of documents submitted to confirm legal presence.

AB 84 (Hertzberg) Adds trial court employees and psychiatric social workers to the list of 19 classes of persons whose home addresses from DMV records may only be disclosed to specified public agencies. Chapter 809, Statutes of 2001

AB 509 (Leach) Allows traffic violator schools to accept as students any persons who elect to attend. Chapter 457, Statutes of 2001

AB 1029 (Oropeza) Adds police or sheriff department employees designated by the chief of police or sheriff as being in a sensitive position to the list of 19 classes of persons whose home addresses from DMV records may only be disclosed to specified public agencies. This bill provides that for these persons, the designation as a sensitive person shall remain in effect for three years and is renewable for additional three-year periods. Chapter 486, Statutes of 2001

SB 766 (Burton) As passed by this committee, the bill would have required DMV, prior to issuing a permanent duplicate driver's license or duplicate identification (ID) card, to compare the photograph and information in its files with the likeness and information obtained from the person requesting the duplicate license. It also would have required every application for a duplicate ID card to be made in person. As amended, this bill now deals with appropriated funds by the proposed California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002, for urban park and recreation purposes. Chapter 878, Statutes of 2001

HIGHWAY AND BRIDGES

AB 635 (Bates) Authorizes the relinquishment of a segment of State Highway Route 1 to the City of Dana Point and a segment of State Highway Route 126 to the City of Santa Clarita, according to terms of a cooperative agreement between the city and the Department of Transportation. This relinquishment will be effective immediately following the County Recorder's recordation containing the state's approval. **Chapter 757, Statutes of 2001**

AB 942 (Cedillo) Requests the City of Los Angeles to consider the benefits of developing a pedestrian crossing, walkway or deck over State Highway Route 101 in downtown Los Angeles, to develop potential funding sources for a structure, and to submit its findings to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. **Chapter 211, Statutes of 2001**

AB 1070 (Pavley) Requires Caltrans, upon the request of the County of Los Angeles and after determining that the county is in compliance with the statutory standards set forth in statute, to designate the Malibu Canyon-Las Virgenes Highway a county scenic highway. **Chapter 758, Statutes of 2001**

AB 1091 (Rod Pacheco) Seeks to invalidate a "non-compete clause" in state public/private contracts. Specifies that any provision in any contract or agreement between the state and a private party for specified transportation services shall be invalid if the provision limits the state's authority to perform certain functions that would be deemed to provide competition with the privately contracted transportation facility. **Vetoed by Governor**

AB 1171 (Dutra) Establishes requirements and provisions to finance the seismic retrofit cost overruns on the state's toll bridges. Identifies the sources and amounts of financing, establishes findings and declarations regarding the costs and scope of necessary seismic improvements on specified state-owned toll bridges, assigns responsibilities and authority to various agencies, extends the current \$1 toll surcharge on Bay Area toll bridges for a specified time and establishes numerous financial requirements, conditions and references related to the seismic bridge work. Chapter 907, Statutes of 2001

AB 1564 (Cardenas) Would have authorized Caltrans to enter into a cooperative agreement with a federally-recognized Indian tribe to provide services related to the development, maintenance, construction, or improvement of state highway facilities. Vetoed by Governor

ACR 4 (Pescetti) Designates a portion of State Highway Route 16 as the Stanley L. Van Vleck Memorial Highway. Resolution Chapter 61 (2001)

ACR 25 (Kelley) Designates the Coachella Valley portion of Interstate 10 west of the State Route Highway 111 cutoff in the Palm Springs area at the bottom of the grade east of the City of Coachella as the Sonny Bono Memorial Freeway. Resolution Chapter 58 (2001)

ACR 28 (Briggs) Designates the Bullard Avenue Interchange on State Highway Route 168 in the City of Clovis as the Peter Hillman Memorial Interchange. Resolution Chapter 59 (2001)

ACR 29 (Bates) Designates a portion of State Highway Route 1 from the City of San Clemente to its intersection with Golden West Street in Huntington Beach as the Orange County Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway. Resolution Chapter 100 (2001)

ACR 46 (Florez) Designates a specified portion of State Highway Route 99 as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway. Resolution Chapter 54 (2001)

ACR 47 (Florez) Designates a specified portion of State Highway Route 198 in the City of Hanford as the George Alan Ingalls Memorial Highway. This resolution is intended to honor Vietnam War hero George Alan Ingalls for his selfless act of heroism during that conlict. Resolution Chapter 60, (2001)

ACR 59 (Aanestad) Requests Caltrans to grant, without charge, an encroachment permit authorizing an appropriate historical monument and plaque dedicated to 14 Mile House to be placed within the right-of-way of State Highway Route 32, in Butte County, at a described site. This resolution would commemorate a historic hotel and other related public accommodations that served travelers in Butte County in the 18th century. Resolution Chapter 101, (2001)

ACR 93 (Zettel) Designates the portion of Interstate Highway 8 from State Highway Route 67 to Greenfield Drive in the City of El Cajon as the Donna P. Mauzy Memorial Freeway. This resolution is intended to honor the career and public service accomplishments of Officer Donna P. Mauzy who died in an accident on her way to work. Resolution Chapter 127 (2001)

ACR 95 (Wiggins) Redesignates a portion of State Highway Route 37 as the Randy Bolt Memorial Highway in honor and recognition of Randy Bolt. Special agent Bolt was an admired and respected 13-year veteran of the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement who died in a head-on collision on this state highway. This resolution is a tribute to his dedicated public service. Resolution Chapter 128 (2001)

ACR 96 (Havice) Designates the interchange of State Highway Route 105 and State Highway 605 as the Joe A. Gonsalves Memorial Interchange. Resolution Chapter 129 (2001)

SB 313 (Alpert) Deletes the January 1, 2002, sunset date, and makes conforming changes, on authorization for a demonstration program on Interstate Route 15 (I-15) which allows single-occupant vehicles (SOVs) to use high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes for a fee. **Chapter 275, Statutes of 2001**

SB 670 (Poochigian) Would have required CTC to prepare and submit to the Legislature by March 31, 2002, a report regarding the conversion of county roads from paved surfaces to

gravel surfaces and funding options and strategies to maintain street and road integrity. **Vetoed by Governor**

SCR 9 (Morrow) Designates the Twin Oaks Valley Road Bridge on State Highway Route 78 in the City of San Marcos as the Vicente "Vince" Andrade Memorial Bridge. Resolution Chapter 29 (2001)

SCR 12 (Chesboro) Designates a specified portion of State Highway Route 101 as the Dave Ghilarducci Memorial Highway and a portion of State Highway Route 71 as the Daniel T. Fraembs Memorial Highway. This resolution honors Dave Ghilarducci for his many years of service as Fire Chief for the City of Rio Dell, and Police Officer Daniel T. Fraembs for his dedicated public service, as well as his death in the line of duty for the City of Pomona. Resolution Chapter 92, (2001)

SCR 14 (Oller) Designates portions of Interstate Highway Routes 5 and 80 as California's selections for inclusion in the National Purple Heart Trail, and requests Caltrans to erect appropriate plaques and markers upon receiving sufficient donations from nonstate sources. **Resolution Chapter 79 (2201)**

SCR 17 (Costa) Requests Caltrans to identify those transportation-related needs on State Highway Route 99 between Bakersfield and Sacramento that would result in traffic congestion relief and the increased transportation of goods. Resolution Chapter 84 (2001)

SCR 18 (Chesbro) Designates a specified portion of State Highway Route 29 in Lake County as the Earle W. Wrieden Memorial Highway. Resolution Chapter 80 (2001)

SCR 25 (Soto) Commends the work of the San Bernardino Associated Governments for facilitating the Alameda Corridor East Project. Resolution Chapter 71, (2001)

SCR 38 (Johannessen) Designates, as the "Francis B. Mathews Memorial Rest Area," the roadside rest area located between the communities of Hawkins Bar and Salyer on State Highway Highway 299 in Trinity County. This resolution honors the memory of Francis B. Mathews, a long-respected community leader in Trinity and Humboldt counties. Resolution Chapter 110 (2001)

MASS TRANSPORTATION AND RAILROADS

AB 391 (Kehoe) Authorizes Caltrans to waive the requirement that an entity holding a highway encroachment permit must relocate or remove the encroachment at the entity's sole expense. This waiver applies only when the encroachment consists of a track or roadway that serves as an exclusive public mass transit guideway owned, operated and maintained by a public mass transit authority. Chapter 152, Statutes of 2001

AB 405 (Salinas) Exempts disabled passengers from the requirement to purchase a ticket for rail service when using rail feeder bus service along a portion of service area for the Capitol Corridors Joint Powers Authority (Capitol Corridors). **Chapter 245, Statutes of 2001**

AB 1249 (Daucher) Authorizes the communities of Fremont and Newark and any other locations determined to be suitable by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to test the use of stationary, automated audible warning devices at highway-railroad crossings. Authorizes a pilot project to test supplementary safety measures at railroad crossings. Requires PUC to report to the Legislature on the project by March 31, 2004. **Chapter 393, Statutes of 2001**

SB 62 (Morrow) Revises the requirements for a demonstration program conducted by the PUC for automated warning devices at highway-rail grade crossings and authorizes PUC to conduct the demonstration program in two additional cities. **Chapter 601, Statutes of 2001**

SB 346 (Perata) Directs the San Francisco Bay Area Water Transit Authority (BAWTA) to, by December 12, 2002, submit an implementation and operations plan (IOP) to the Legislature for review. **Chapter 404, Statutes of 2001**

SB 465 (McPherson) Creates and prescribes the membership and powers of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission. Chapter 472, Statutes of 2001

SB 690 (Costa) Limits the activities of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (HSRA) to proven technologies and systems with verifiable construction, maintenance, and operational costs. **Vetoed by Governor**

SJR 19 (Ackerman) Memorializes the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to adopt regulations relating to the establishment of quiet zones as quickly as possible; memorializes the United States Congress to approve legislation providing states with the necessary funding to implement supplemental safety measures for the purpose of establishing quiet zones. **Resolution Chapter 107 (2001)**

RULES OF THE ROAD

AB 398 (Salinas) Requires the County of Monterey, in consultation with the CHP, to establish and administer a Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zone pilot project on County Road 16 (also known as Carmel-Valley Road) between the junction with State Highway Route 1 and the junction with Camp Stefani Road. Chapter 481, Statutes of 2001

AB 563 (Maldonado) Requires the driver of a vehicle to yield to any other vehicle approaching an intersection if that vehicle constitutes an immediate hazard to the driver. The bill requires the driver to continue to yield the right-of-way to that vehicle until the driver can proceed with reasonable safety. Chapter 14, Statutes of 2001

TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES

AB 133 (Alquist) Authorizes transportation planning agencies to include factors of local significance when preparing and adopting their long-range-transportation plans, such as mobility for specific sectors of the community, including, but not limited to, senior citizens. Chapter 99, Statutes of 2001

AB 311 (Bill Campbell) Raises the maximum entry level age of CHP officers to 35 years of age. Chapter 162, Statutes of 2001

AB 631 (Oropeza) Would have required the California Transportation Commission to prepare a statewide inventory assessing the condition, performance and deficiencies of the state's transportation system every five years. **Vetoed by Governor**

AB 1038 (Hertzberg) Authorizes the State Department of Personnel Administration, when determining compensation for communications operators in the CHP, to consider the total compensation for communications operators in comparable positions in other law enforcement jurisdictions in the state. **Chapter 786, Statutes of 2001**

AB 1066 (Dutra) Clarifies the duties and powers of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), authorizing VTA to administer a countywide transportation expenditure plan funded by a local sales tax if designated to do so in the plan. **Chapter 217, Statutes of 2001**

AB 1361 (Cardoza) Would have required CHP to report annually to specified legislative committees the extent to which the sufficient staffing level of the department is being attained, to update a staff report prepared in 1990, and report the results to the legislative committees. **Vetoed by Governor**

SB 473 (Perata) Requires the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to undertake a number of tasks, including the development of performance criteria for new transportation projects, and adoption of a master plan for the development of commuter rail in the Bay Area. It also requires MTC and Caltrans to submit a plan for a transportation management center to the Legislature. This bill, with certain exceptions, would impose various study, analytical, transportation coordination, and contractual requirements on MTC as a means of improving regional transportation planning, congestion reduction, and transportation system management. **Vetoed by Governor**

TRANSPORTATION FINANCING

AB 437 (Committee on Budget) Requires Caltrans and the CTC, contingent upon funds being made available in the 2001 Budget, to establish a Rural Transit System Grant Program to purchase, construct and rehabilitate transit facilities, vehicles, and equipment for projects that serve primarily rural areas. Caltrans is required to submit a report to the Legislature on or before June 30, 2002, describing the types of projects funded under the program. Chapter 333, Statutes of 2001

AB 438 (Budget Committee) Defers the shifting of sales tax revenues from the General Fund (GF) to the Transportation Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) for two years and extends the program for two years. **Chapter 113, Statutes of 2001**

AB 608 (Dickerson) Allows the adjustment of a project's programmed cost if it is delivered at a 20 percent or greater savings. Increases the amount of regional improvement fund expenditures that designated regional transportation planning agencies and county transportation commissions may request to be designated for planning, programming, and monitoring. **Chapter 815, Statutes of 2001**

AB 1171 (Dutra) See Highways and Bridges

AB 1335 (Cohn) Seeks to expedite the delivery of a specific list of transportation projects by authorizing designated regional and local transportation agencies to expend their own transportation funds for a project, or the components of a project, that is eligible to receive funding under the Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP). Funds are to be reimbursed if specified conditions are met. **Chapter 908, Statutes of 2001**

AB 1419 (Aroner) Requires Caltrans to offer to transfer and convey specified parcels of state-owned property that are adjacent to, or necessary for, the redevelopment and reconstruction of the San Francisco Transbay Terminal Facility (Transbay Terminal) to the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (SFRA). **Vetoed by Governor**

AB 1530 (Longville) Increases, from 50 percent to 60 percent, the percentage of the net savings paid to a transportation project contractor if the contractor's project cost reduction measures also serve to significantly reduce traffic congestion during construction. Chapter 166, Statutes of 2001

ACA 4 (Dutra) If approved by the voters, this measure will amend the constitution to, commencing 2003, dedicate the state's share of sales tax revenue from motor vehicle fuel to transportation. Resolution Chapter 87, Statutes of 2001

ACA 9 (Longville) If approved by the voters, this measure will specify that a voter who casts a vote in accordance with the laws of this state shall have that vote counted.

Resolution Chapter 114, Statutes of 2001

ACR 32 (Dutra) Asks CTC, in consultation with Caltrans and local transportation planning agencies, to prepare and submit to the Legislature a study of potential decreases in transportation revenue for transportation planning agencies. Resolution Chapter 120, Statutes of 2001

SB 10 (Soto) Extends, from January 1, 2002 until January 1, 2005, statutory provisions that include bicycle and pedestrian safety and traffic calming measures in high-hazard locations among the types of expenditures to be financed with specified federal safety funds, and that require Caltrans to establish and administer a "Safe Routes to School" construction program. **Chapter 600, Statutes of 2001**

SB 521 (Alpert) Authorizes the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), in its capacity as the designated transportation commission for San Diego County, to, upon voter approval, impose an ordinance that extends the duration of a local transportation sales tax, expands the authorized expenditures of such a tax, or both. Designates the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB) as the sole applicant and administrator of specified local transportation funds within its jurisdiction. Chapter 297, Statutes of 2001

SB 685 (Costa) Revises the Fresno County Transportation Improvement Act (FCTIA) and, upon the approval of a ballot proposition by Fresno voters, authorizes the extension of the one-half percent sales tax in Fresno County for a period of up to 30 years for transportation purposes. **Chapter 474, Statutes of 2001**

SB 759 (Murray) Provides allocation criteria for expenditure of sales tax revenue generated by the sale of motor vehicle fuel. Chapter 911, Statutes of 2001

TRUCKS

AB 220 (Strom-Martin) Allows licensed carriers of livestock to continue to move their cargo along specified limited-access portions of State Highway Route 101 until January 1, 2004. Also, this bill requires the CHP to conduct a study on the public safety effects of this provision and report its findings to the Legislature by May 1, 2003. Chapter 413, Statutes of 2001

AB 1262 (Migden) Requires commercial motor carriers employing more than 20 full-time drivers to report to CHP whenever more than half of their drivers are replaced within a 30-day period and that a CHP safety inspection be performed. **Chapter 789, Statutes of 2001**

AB 1280 (Reyes) Conforms to federal law by expanding the types of serious traffic felonies which apply to commercial vehicle drivers and the types of offenses which warrant the suspension or cancellation of a commercial driving license. **Chapter 504, Statutes of 2001**

AB 1472 (Longville) Makes technical changes in the Vehicle and Revenue and Taxation Codes to clarify the intent and implementation of the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2000, which instituted a gross vehicle weight fee system for trucks and a permanent trailer plate identification program for trailers. **Chapter 826, Statutes of 2001**

SB 46 (Polanco) Authorizes DMV to establish contracts with qualified private industry partners for electronic programs to provide vehicle title and vehicle registration transactions; establishes, until January 1, 2003, a Tow Truck Advisory Committee to develop proposed statewide tow truck standards and report to the Legislature on or before December 31, 2002; makes it unlawful for CHP rotation tow truck operators to knowingly provide certain false information on applications for a tow truck driving certification, or fail to comply with certain notification requirements; requires the keeper of a garage, upon demand during normal business hours, to give any personal property in or on a vehicle to the vehicle's current registered owner or the owner's agent without charge. Chapter 127, Statutes of 2001

SB 734 (Karnette) Reestablishes DMV authority to regulate trailer dealers; authorizes DMV to issue a permit to allow, for a period of not more than 15 continuous days, the unladen operation of a vehicle or vehicle combination last registered by a California resident, if the vehicle's International Registration Plan (IRP) registration has expired or been terminated. Chapter 539, Statutes of 2001

SB 871 (Burton) Allows any person who suffers an injury caused by the driver of a commercial vehicle to recover treble damages from the driver's employee if the driver was under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance at the time of the injury and the driver's employer willfully failed to comply with any drug and alcohol testing and employment history investigation requirements of federal law in regard to the involved

driver; provides that an applicant for employment as a commercial driver or as an owner-operator may not be placed on duty by a motor carrier until the preemployment test for controlled substances and alcohol use has been completed, a negative test result has been reported, and the motor carrier has investigated the driver's employment history as required under federal law. **Chapter 298, Statutes of 2001**

SB 964 (Costa) Authorizes cotton module movers to operate on any highway within certain counties between September 15 of each year and March 15 of the following year. Also, this bill prohibits the operation of the mover in these counties if the operator fails to possess a driver's license appropriate for that vehicle, the mover's equipment and lighting standards are not compliant with state law, or the mover's gross axle weight exceeds the current allowable weight for tandem axles by more than 6,000 pounds. **Chapter 497, Statutes of 2001**

VEHICLE AND VESSEL REGISTRATION AND LICENSING

AB 104 (Nation) Would have authorized the imposition of a fee of up to \$4 on all vehicle registrations in specified Bay Area counties to finance the Motor Vehicle Mitigation Subaccount, if approved by a majority vote of the board of supervisors in those counties. The Subaccount would fund projects and programs to prevent, reduce, remediate, or mitigate the adverse environmental impacts of motor vehicles. Vetoed by Governor

AB 527 (Kehoe) Reduces the fee for replacement decals used on special interest license plates sponsored by veterans' organizations, from \$35 to \$10, effective July 1, 2002. Chapter 201, Statutes of 2001

AB 723 (Vargas) Extends until January 1, 2007, the sunset on an \$8 surcharge on off-highway vehicle (OHV) service fees, the proceeds of which are used for acquiring, constructing, maintaining, and operating facilities for the use of off-highway motor vehicles; controlling the operation of motor vehicles in areas off the highways where their operation is restricted or prohibited; and reconstructing and repairing damage caused by the use of OHVs on property where their operation is prohibited. Chapter 227, Statutes of 2001

AB 834 (Briggs) Would have authorized the owner of any automobile from the 1969 or older model year or any commercial vehicle or light truck from the 1972 or older model year to utilize license plates of this state with the date of year corresponding to the model year date when the vehicle was manufactured. **Vetoed by Governor**

AB 871 (Cox) Permits private nonprofit charitable, religious, or educational institutions or organizations to sell donated vehicles on behalf of other nonprofit groups. Chapter 460, Statutes of 2001

AB 1258 (Wiggins) Allows, until December 31, 2001, rental car companies that have been in business for at least the last two years to rent for use in this state passenger vehicles that are registered in other states, if those vehicles are of the model year 2000, 2001, or 2002. This authorization is conditioned upon findings being made by ARB and DMV regarding air quality and the availability of California-registered rental passenger vehicles. Chapter 465, Statutes of 2001

AB 1621 (Cardenas) Provides that for vehicles whose registrations are issued pursuant to the International Registration Plan (IRP) or on a partial-year basis, the registrations shall be deemed to expire the following year for the purposes of applying any future increase or reduction in the vehicle license fee (VLF). **Chapter 868, Statutes of 2001**

SB 106 (Sher) Allows a county's abandoned vehicle abatement program fee to be extended for up to 10 years if the county board of supervisors, by a 2/3 vote, and a majority of the

cities having a majority of the county's incorporated population, adopt resolutions extending the fee. Chapter 175, Statutes of 2001

SB 481 (Speier) Requires advertised vehicles to be sold at or below the advertised total price regardless of whether the purchaser has knowledge of the advertised total price; requires vehicle dealers to display in their showrooms price listings of all vehicles advertised for sale that meet specified criteria; allows the advertised total price of a vehicle to exclude the California tire fee. **Chapter 441, Statutes of 2001**

SB 1100 (Johannessen) Exempts from continuing education requirements those used vehicle dealers operating exclusively on a wholesale basis who annually sell less than 50 vehicles subject to registration. **Chapter 93, Statutes of 2001**

SB 1173 (Johannessen) Requires DMV, whenever an application is made for the registration of a replacement case for a motorcycle, to request CHP to determine the motorcycle's proper identity. If the replacement case bears the same identifying numbers as the engine case being replaced, the original engine case would be required to be destroyed. Chapter 94, Statutes of 2001

VEHICLE AND VESSEL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

SB 42 (Speier) Extends to January 1, 2002 the implementation date for the requirement that parents restrain their children who are six years or older or weigh 60 pounds or more in a seat belt or child passenger restraint system. The bill also makes several technical changes to current law. **Chapter 84, Statutes of 2001**

SB 624 (Soto) Requires that when specified waste materials are transported on the roadways for disposal or recycling the materials must be covered. Chapter 279, Statutes of 2001

SB 637 (McPherson) Adds Monterey Bay to those waters where pilots licensed by the Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Bays of San Francisco, San Pablo, and Suisun have exclusive authority to pilot vessels from the high seas and within the bay. Piloting vessels in or out of Monterey Bay without such a license would be a misdemeanor. Chapter 177, Statutes of 2001

MISCELLANEOUS

AB 67 (Firebaugh) Allows motor homes up to 45 feet in length to operate on certain highways as long as the driver of the motor home meets certain driver's license requirements. Also, this bill requires the establishment of a committee to develop a public awareness and outreach campaign to educate manufacturers, sellers, and owners of motor homes about where those vehicles can legally operate in California. **Chapter 658, Statutes of 2001**

AB 770 (Nakano) Requires that any collision report prepared by a member of the California Highway Patrol (CHP), or any other peace officer, to include information as to whether a cellular telephone or any other distraction was a possible contributing factor to the collision. It defines distractions and requires the CHP to study the data gathered and to issue recommendations to the Governor and Legislature. **Chapter 710, Statutes of 2001**

AB 965 (Mountjoy) Requires Caltrans, upon request of an immediate family member or other specified individual, to erect signs in memory of a relative lost to an accident caused by drunk driving. The bill authorizes that the signs be placed either at or near the site where the accident occurred. **Chapter 864, Statutes of 2001**

AB 1220 (Pavley) Requires Caltrans to revive a program that would develop shared-use agreements for public use of private parking lots as park-and-ride facilities in Caltrans District 7. **Chapter 759, Statutes of 2001**

AB 1705 (Transportation) Makes minor clarifying changes and references to provisions contained in the Traffic Congestion Relief Act of 2000. Chapter 512, Statutes of 2001

AB 1706 (Transportation) Enacts the Assembly Transportation Committee's annual omnibus bill of noncontroversial and technical provisions. Chapter 597, Statutes of 2001

AB 1707 (Assembly Transportation Committee) Enacts the Assembly Transportation Committee's annual omnibus bill of non-controversial and technical provisions. The bill makes many small, but significant, changes to the Streets and Highways Code and the Vehicle Code. **Chapter 739, Statutes of 2001**

SB 237 (Vincent) Requires the placement of roadside signs about the illegal abandonment or dumping of animals. It also requires that DMV include language within the California Drivers Handbook regarding the abandonment and/or dumping of animals and a test question on the driver's license examination regarding this issue. **Chapter 300, Statutes of 2001**

SB 255 (Speier) Makes it an infraction to leave a child under the age of six unattended in a motor vehicle and creates a fund for an education campaign regarding the dangers of leaving children in vehicles. It also establishes a fine distribution formula for this campaign.

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SB 290 (Senate Transportation Committee) Enacts the Senate Transportation Committee's annual omnibus bill of non-controversial and technical provisions. The bill makes many small, but significant, changes to the Business and Professions Code, the Government Code, the Public Utilities Code, Public Contracts Code, the Streets and Highways Code and the Vehicle Code. Chapter 825, Statutes of 2001

SB 345 (Perata) Would have required Caltrans and CHP, no later than January 1, 2003, to establish a traffic incident management plan for Caltrans' District 4 (i.e., Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma counties). Vetoed by Governor

SB 667 (Peace) Requires the yellow light change intervals at intersections equipped with automated enforcement systems to be in accordance with the uniform standards established by Caltrans. Chapter 496, Statutes of 2001

SB 1081 (Johannessen) Requires CHP noise regulations to provide that exhaust systems installed on motor vehicles, other than motorcycles, weighing less than 6,000 pounds emit no more than 95 decibels (dbA); authorizes the dismissal of any prosecution for a violation of vehicular noise statutes if the cited vehicle is equipped with an exhaust system that complies with CHP regulations. **Chapter 92, Statutes of 2001**

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