
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 1830 (Petrie-Norris) - Ignition interlock devices

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Urgency: Yes

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Policy Vote: TRANS. 12 - 1, PUB. S. 5 - 0

Mandate: No

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Bill Summary: AB 1830 requires all first-time offenders convicted of driving under the influence (DUI) to install an ignition interlock device (IID) on their vehicles, lengthens mandatory IID terms for repeat DUI offenders, establishes a new penalty structure for drug-related driving violations, and broadly reorganizes and recasts penalties and sanctions for alcohol- and drug-related driving offenses, among other changes, as specified.

***** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 13, 2026

Fiscal Impact: Significant one-time and ongoing state costs (Motor Vehicle Account (MVA), General Fund) to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). DMV reports that it would be required to modify forms, promulgate regulations, and make IT modifications prior to the January 1, 2031, implementation date. DMV indicates that these costs are estimated at \$3–6 million. Ongoing costs within the range would depend on the technology solutions ultimately adopted. The bill includes cost-recovery mechanisms through the restriction and reinstatement process, similar to those used in the existing pilot program. These estimates do not account for any supplemental funding that may be available (such as through the Office of Traffic Safety) to support implementation and help offset costs.

The MVA, the primary funding account for the California Highway Patrol and the DMV is facing insolvency. In a report, the LAO noted that, “Until a plan is put in place to address MVA’s structural deficit, we recommend the Legislature set a high bar for considering approval of any proposals that create additional MVA cost pressures and accelerate the risk of insolvency.” In the Governor’s proposed 2026-2027 budget, the Governor stated that, “the Budget currently projects that the MVA will be insolvent as soon as 2028-29. Given the ongoing fiscal constraints in the MVA, the Administration will continue to limit new workload or initiatives, including those with delayed implementation dates that would create additional cost pressures over time.”

Unknown, potential state costs to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to review relevant documents or evidence and to make determinations of whether a person failed to participate in a DUI program, as specified, and to notify the person and the DUI program of their findings.

Author Amendments:

- Specify that the fee schedule must provide for the costs of the administration of the program, installation of the device, service, maintenance, and recalibration of the device.
- Allow a participant to apply for reduced IID fees at any time.
- Require IID manufacturers/installers/service providers to post information about the reduced fee program.
- Add specified data points for first-time DUIs involving alcohol to be included in the DMV's annual DUI report.
- Make technical nonsubstantive changes.

Committee Amendments:

- Provide that, in lieu of installing an IID, a person may elect to serve the full suspension period without a restricted drivers license. Upon completion of the suspension period and satisfaction of all other reinstatement requirements, DMV shall reinstate the person's privilege to operate a motor vehicle, as specified.
- Provide that a person is exempt from the IID requirement if they are waiting for a final determination of an administrative hearing, as specified.
- Ensure that drivers are not responsible for any of the costs associated with a device malfunction.
- Provide for notification to drivers by the manufacturer, manufacturer's agent, installer, repair shop, and DMV of methods of contacting the relevant agency with complaints about a manufacturer, manufacturer's agent, installer, or repair shop (effective immediately).
- Provide DMV with enforcement provisions against manufacturers that fail to provide the required notices.

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