

Date of Hearing: July 14, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Lori D. Wilson, Chair

SB 506 (Committee on Transportation) – As Amended June 5, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: Transportation: omnibus bill

SUMMARY: Makes non-controversial and minor changes to sections of law relating to transportation. Specifically, **this bill:**

- 1) Replaces the Mountain House Community Services District on the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Rail Authority governing board with the recently incorporated City of Mountain House.
- 2) Removes certain duties related to the Treasure Island transportation program from the San Francisco County Transportation Authority because its membership is the same as the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.
- 3) Allows a person who submits a change of address to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to request a duplicate driver's license and requires them to immediately destroy the license containing the prior mailing address. .
- 4) Revises the exception to allowable objects or materials placed, displayed, installed, affixed, or applied upon the windshield or side or rear windows to include vehicle safety technology installed on specified vehicles, including, among others, motor trucks of three or more axles that are more than 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating, that are otherwise in compliance with federal regulations. Removes video event recorders from this exception.
- 5) Removes the requirement that specified exceptions in current law for transporting certain substances be consistent with federal laws and further removes the requirement that the exception be limited to the driver of a tank vehicle with a capacity of more than 500 gallons.
- 6) Makes technical non-substantive changes.

EXISTING LAW:

- 1) Establishes the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority for the purposes of planning, developing, and delivering transit connectivity between the Bay Area Rapid Transit District's transit system and the Altamont Corridor Express commuter rail service. (Public Utilities Code Section 132665).
- 2) Grants a transportation management agency designated by the board of supervisors the governing ability to adopt, administer, and regulate operations of the the transportation program in Treasure Island. (State and Highways Code Section 1967.3 and 1967.5)
- 3) Provides that if a driver's license is lost, destroyed, or mutilated, or if a new true full name is acquired, the person to whom the driver's license was issued shall obtain a duplicate if the

person provides satisfactory proof of the loss, destruction, or mutilation of their license.
(Vehicle Code (VEH) Section 12815)

- 4) Authorizes the mounting of video event recorders on commercial motor vehicle windshields, following federal regulations to monitor driver performance and to improve driver safety.
(VEH 26708).
- 5) Authorizes the California Highway Patrol (CHP), during a Governor declared state of emergency, consistent with applicable federal laws and regulations, to suspend the maximum driving time for an operator of a tank vehicle with a capacity of more than 500 gallons for the purposes of refueling aircraft used in fire suppression or other emergency-related activities.
(VEH 34501.2 and 34501.5)

FISCAL EFFECT: Pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8, negligible state costs.

COMMENTS: This is the Senate Transportation Committee policy omnibus bill and makes changes to existing law as follows:

- 1) *Recognizes Incorporation of the City of Mountain House (Source: Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority [Valley Link]).* AB 758 (Eggman), Chapter 747, Statutes of 2017 established the Tri-Valley–San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority with the Mountain House Community Services District as an entity on the governing board. On July 1, 2024, the Mountain House Community Services District officially became an incorporated city in California. This bill recognizes the transition from Mountain House Community Services District to the City of Mountain House.
- 2) *Treasure Island Transportation Management Authority (Source: San Francisco County Transportation Authority).* Existing law requires both the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and the Transportation Authority to approve changes to the Treasure Island transportation program. Membership of the two Boards is identical and as a result the same officials have to vote twice on the same policy. This bill removes this redundancy.
- 3) *Duplicate driver's license (Source: DMV).* Current law specifies that a person may request a duplicate driver license if that license is lost, destroyed, or mutilated, or if a new true full name is required. It does not allow the DMV to issue a duplicate driver license to a customer who has changed their address.

There are many valid reasons why an individual may need a physical license with their correct address on it. For example, many cities and counties require a current address to be displayed on the front of the driver license to access services in their jurisdiction, such as residential parking permits. It may also be necessary for establishing one's address for school enrollment within specific boundary lines, or in many other situations where proof of address is necessary.

- 4) *Video recording placement (Source: California Trucking Association).* AB 2477 (Garrick) Chapter 375, Statutes of 2012 authorized the placement of video event recorders on a commercial vehicle's windshield in an area no more than 2-inches below the upper edge of the area swept by the windshield wipers and outside the driver's line of sight in accordance with Federal regulation to promote safer, more fuel efficient driving and to reduce accidents.

On March 3, 2022 the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) codified previously temporary exemptions to the placement of video event recorders in commercial vehicles and changed the language from two inches to 8.5 inches below the upper edge of the area swept by the windshield wipers, not more than 7 inches above the lower edge of the area swept by windshield wipers and applied the exemption to a broader set of “vehicle safety technologies” as defined in Section 393.5 of Title 49 of Code of Federal Regulations.

This bill updates the Vehicle Code to be consistent with Federal law regarding placement of “vehicle safety technologies”, including video event recorders by changing the allowable placement of vehicle safety technologies from two inches below the upper edge of the area swept by the windshield wipers to 8.5 inches below the upper edge of the area swept by the windshield and not more than seven inches above the lower edge of the area swept by the windshield wipers. It would also remove outdated operational language regarding the former construction of the federal exemption for video event recorders as temporary given that, as of 2022, the exemption has been codified in federal law.

- 5) *Hours of service during declared emergencies (Source: CHP)*. Current law authorizes the CHP to draft regulations for aircraft fuel haulers to work more hours during an emergency, ensuring Cal Fire planes and helicopters have the necessary fuel to suppress fires. However, current law prohibits the promulgation of regulations due to the lack of necessary references in the Vehicle Code and also addresses the wrong fuel hazard class for aircrafts. This measure makes the necessary technical changes accordingly.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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